



August 23, 2015

Singing as Worship:
Creating a Community of Disciples

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. *Please join us downstairs after worship for lunch!*

We Gather in God's Hope

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

Pre-worship Community Singing

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting the Christ Candle & Approach to Worship

O God true source of humanity,
mother and father of us all
you renew us so we may grow like you.

**We gather together:
from corner or limelight,
from fears or from sadness,
from hope or from gladness
in close relationships or from separate lives.**

**We gather together:
to meet you, to celebrate your love,
and to rejoice in the possibilities that arise
when we honour all the diversity of our humanity.
We gather together in this sacred time with you.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn Come Touch Our Hearts

MV 154

Please be seated.

Opening Prayer

**Lamb of God, come with your almighty gentleness and lift
from us the burden of everything that discourages,
bewilders, or makes us anxious. Come with your beauty and
induct us into your peace, strength and holy happiness.
Lamb of God, evoke in us the want and the will to be the
people you wish us to be. To the praise of the Creator, the
Redeemer and the Inspirer! Amen!**

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. AMEN.

The Story Behind the Song

Song of Invitation How Can We Keep from Singing? (*tune VU 716*)

Our life flows on in endless song:
Above earth's lamentations,
We hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;

Through all the tumult and the strife
We hear its music ringing;
It finds an echo in our souls -
How can we keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars
We hear the truth it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round us close
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shack our inmost calm
While to that rock we are clinging;
Since love is lord of heaven and earth -
How can we keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble in their fear
And hear their death knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near
How can we keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends, by shame are undefiled
How can we keep from singing?

We lift our eyes; the cloud grows thin;
We see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first we learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh our hearts,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are ours since we are his -
How can we keep from singing?

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Listening to God's Word of Hope

Reading from the Scriptures

John 1:35 – 39a; 43

John 21: 15 - 17

This is the witness of God's Holy people to all generations

Thanks be to God

Meditation Theme: Singing as Worship
Part 4: Creating a Community of Disciples

Sharing God's Hope

Invitation to Give Our Offerings

Offertory Song How Can I Keep from Singing? *Chris Tomlin 2007*

**There is an endless song, echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on to the rock I cling**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing**

**I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing**

**I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again**

I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer

I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing.

I can sing.

Offertory Prayer We Have This Ministry VU 510
We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

Prayers of the People
Gathering the prayers

Silence

Community Prayer

Living Hope in our City and World

Please stand as you are able.

Sending Hymn You Call Us Out

VU 569

Benediction

May the love of the Holy God surround you,
the love of the Holy Christ redeem you,
and the love of the Holy Spirit dwell with you,
now and evermore.

Please be seated

Postlude

Prayers written by Bruce Prewer; used with permission.

Please join us downstairs for lunch! The tables are set, the food is ready ... all we need is you! Trinity's Hospitality Team invites you to join us for food, fun and fellowship in the gym (downstairs) as we celebrate the last of shared summer services this year. Free will offering.

Thank you for being an important part of our shared summer services this year. No matter where your journey takes you next Sunday and the Sundays following, know that your presence in this place has been, and will continue to be, a blessing and a gift.

Leadership in Worship this morning:

Greeters & Ushers:	Trinity volunteers
Sound:	SJR I.T. team
Music Ministry:	Alison Clark
Worship Leader:	Rev. Tiina Côté
Nursery:	Margaret S.
Counters:	Jan O.
Lunch:	Trinity's Hospitality Team

Announcements – All are Welcome!

Women's Spirituality Group – all women are invited to bring a bag lunch and join Rev. Tiina in the parlour at St. James'-Rosemount from Noon until 2:00 pm every Wednesday in August. Study and discussions will be based on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*.

Wednesday, August 26 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.: **Sacred Circle Dance and Labyrinth Walk**. All are invited to join in an evening of sacred circle dance and walking the labyrinth here at SJR. **No dance experience necessary!** Free event open to everyone. Rain date: Thurs., Aug. 27

Blessing of the Animals: *Pets, Bring Your People!* All pets and their people are invited to join us for this annual outdoor service on the labyrinth at SJR, **Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 AM**. Plan to stay after the service for a delicious bbq brunch!

Stay tuned for **F.U.N. at SJR** beginning this fall ... no cell phones, tablets, laptops, Xbox, PlayStation, gadgets, or other 'plugged in' devices necessary ... actually, none allowed ☺ Family-style dinner will be part of the evening. Set aside the worries of work, what to make for supper; combine that with fellowship & fun, at minimal cost. It's a win-win! Family of One? We'd love to have you join the **F.U.N.!** Family of 2 or 3 or ????. Come join the **F.U.N.!** Everyone is welcome!! Watch the bulletin and SJR's website for dates and details...and, just for **F.U.N.**, see if you can figure out what F.U.N. stands for. If you think you know, contact Jim or Teresa C..

Announcements for Trinity

Wednesday, September 16, 1:30 p.m.: The **Trinity Book Group** will meet at the home of Barbara B. to discuss "*All the Light We Cannot See*" by Anthony Doerr. The absorbing parallel stories of a young French girl & a German boy at the time of World War II earned the author the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Super September Sale: September 26, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Visit our website (tuckitchener.org) for a list of items we are collecting.

Items may be brought in to the chapel at Trinity during the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(unless otherwise arranged with a member of the planning team)

For more information contact: **Trinity Church Office**

Announcements for SJR

Membership Transfer Sunday: September 6 during the 10:30 a.m. service. If anyone would like their membership transferred to St. James'~Rosemount United Church, please contact the church office.

SJR Reads: Monday, September 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Parlour

Join us for a discussion of our latest selection: "*Anne of the Island*" by L.M. Montgomery. On October 5 we will gather, same time same place, to discuss "*Water for Elephants*" by Sarah Gruen. All are welcome!

It's time for a New Church Photo Directory at SJR! Sittings available August 24 to 27. Sign-up on-line at sjruc.ca or contact the **Church Office**.

Check the Book Cellar for more summer reading! The Rose Room, (next to the Rainbow Room kitchen) hosts a "Book Cellar". Choose any title for \$1. Take as many as you like - Happy Reading!

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Church Office Summer Hours:

Trinity: Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SJR: Office closed until August 25th. Voice mail and email monitored.