

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Petit Prélude

Joseph Jongen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christian Life Groups will follow worship this morning (topic is "Salvation," Chapter 7 of Presbyterian Q's and A's).
- ADVENT "Bible Study for Everyone," Monday (11/14) at 11 AM.
- Facilities Committee, Monday (11/14) at 7 PM.
- Session Meeting (11/15) at 7 PM.
- Women's Digging Deeper Study, Wednesday (11/16) at 4 PM.
- Esther Circle, Thursday (11/17) at 1 PM.

- Faith Commitments and Welcome Home Kits / Art Kits Dedication, next Sunday (11/20).
- Fancy Fellowship & Reception for Trish Conover, next Sunday (11/20) following worship.
- Community Service of Thanksgiving, next Sunday (11/20) at 3 PM, at Trinity Reformed UCC, Holland, PA.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places.

MANY: **May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives and worship in gratitude for our redemption. Alleluia!**

HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Most Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are rarely just in all our ways, and far from being kind in all our doings. What we want to be and what we actually are, are two different things.

MANY: Our lives are a miss-mash of astuteness and stupidity, of moral strength and cowardice, of kindness and meanness, of openness and cunning, of sincere love for you yet also of conniving self-interest.

ONE: We need your justice and your kindness to convict, forgive and cleanse us, and to save us from the power of evil in the days that lie ahead. We need your mercy to wipe away shame and disabling regrets, your light to give us our bearings, and your friendship to delight with us in our happiness and to comfort us in our sorrows.

MANY: Grant to us, loving God, the grace of a new beginning and the joy of an enlarged love for you. Give us a passion for all your loving ways. Through Christ Jesus, our Brother and Redeemer.

(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(inspired by Psalm 145:17-18)

ONE: In the name of the living God, through the grace of Christ Jesus the Son, and with the authority of the Spirit, I declare to you the forgiveness of sins and the life that is eternal!

MANY: Thanks be to our God and Savior! Every day we will praise you, and glorify your name forever and ever. Amen!

HYMN

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23-27a

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 20:27-38

SERMON

Mean Girls

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

RESPONSIVE LITANY FOR VETERANS

ONE: We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.

MANY: We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.

ONE: Remind us, Oh God, that the goal of any war need be justice and peace.

MANY: On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.

ONE: We seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

MANY: Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

ONE: Remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran all know the cost of war.

MANY: Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

ONE: We pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.

MANY: And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified. Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace. We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures. May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace. Amen.

HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
Thy word, our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

IMPACT STATEMENT

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (CHOIR)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Sean Paul

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My life flows on in endless song,

Above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn

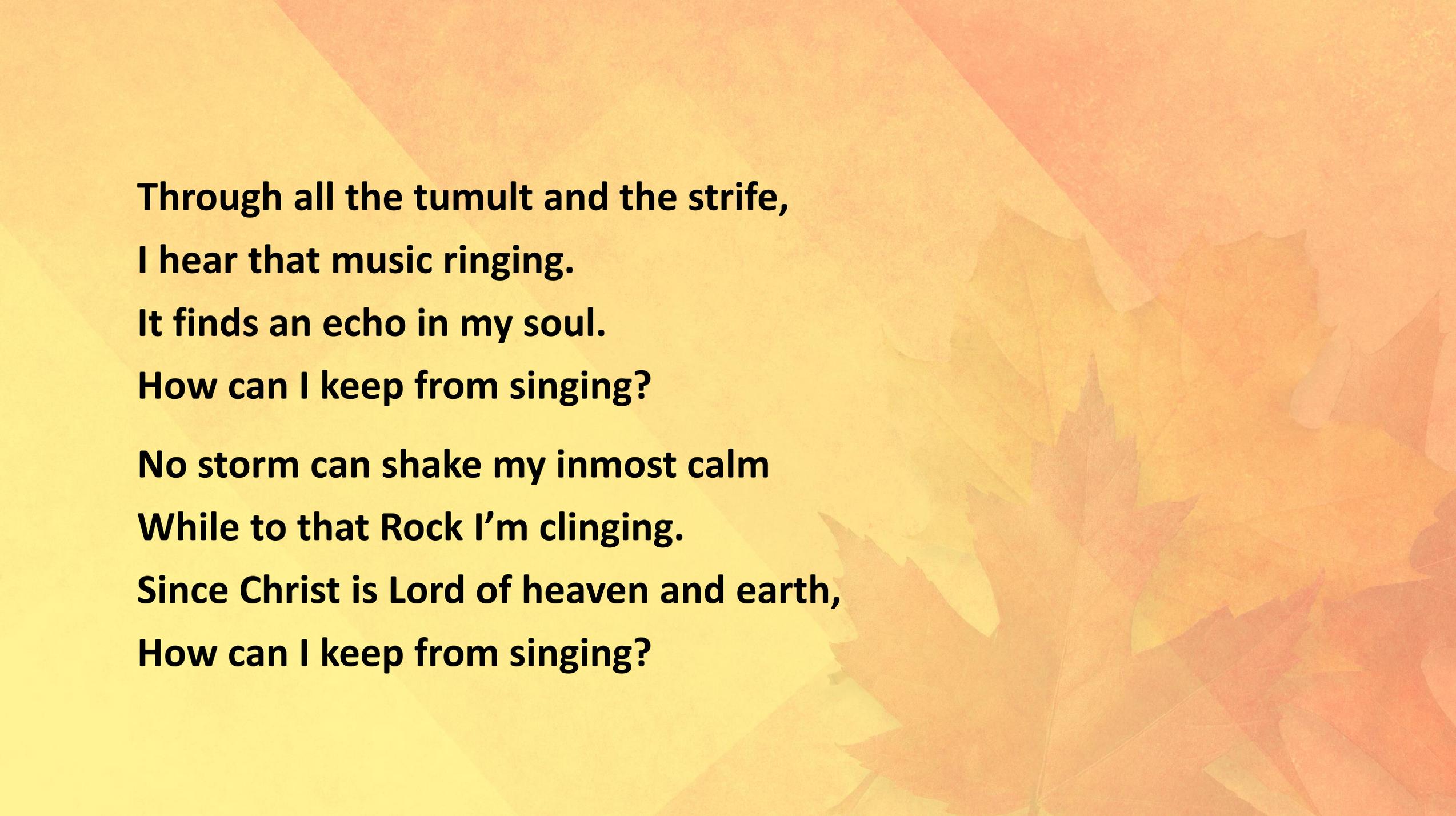
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?



**Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?**

What though my joys and comforts die?

I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round?

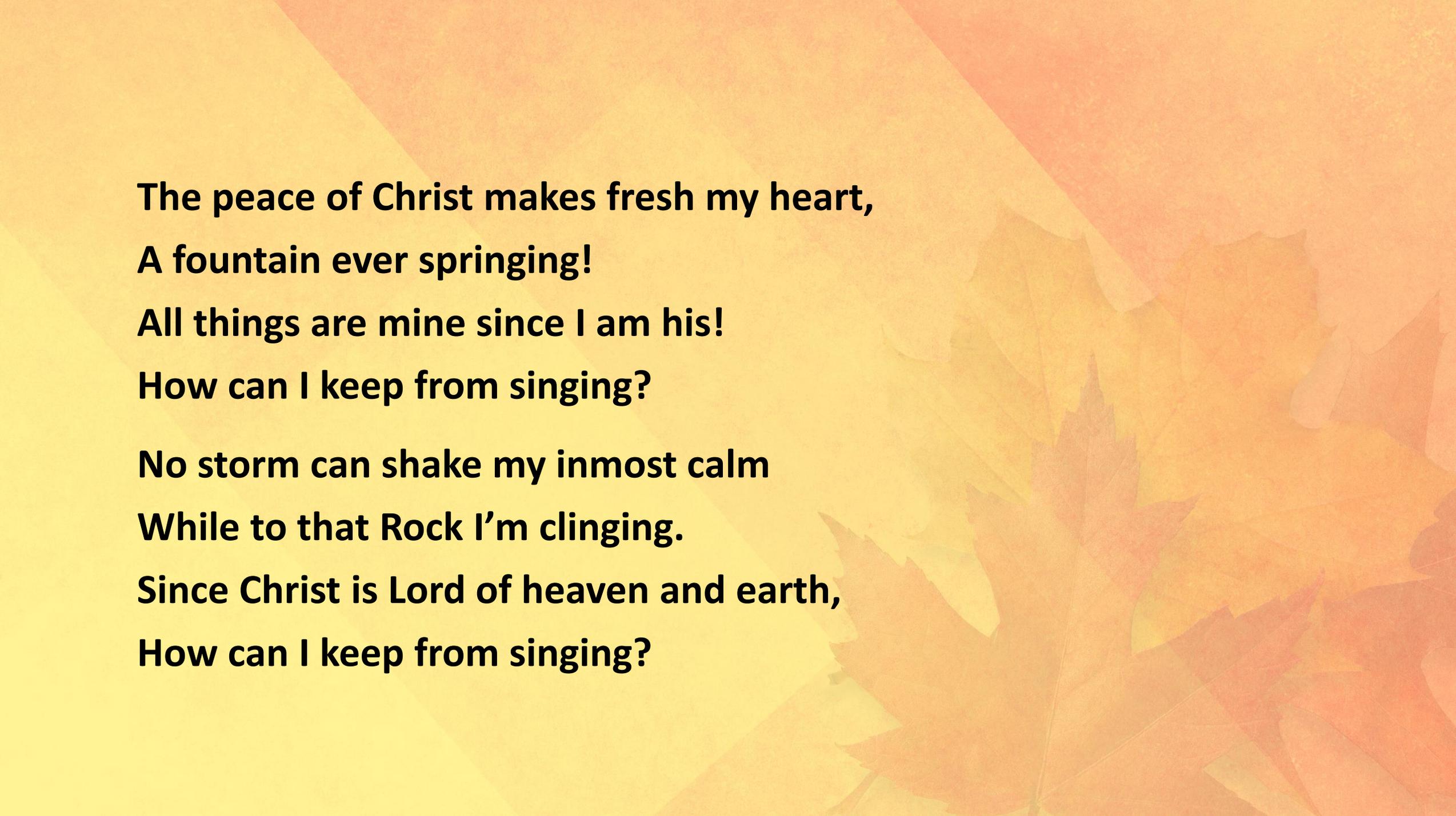
Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?



**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

ONE: We leave, our hearts filled with God's love.

MANY: We will go to offer the wonders of laughter and hope to everyone we will meet.

ONE: We leave, following Jesus into the world.

MANY: We will serve alongside him in the brokenness of our neighbors and our communities.

ONE: We leave, having heard the whispers of the Spirit.

MANY: We will speak justice to those who would hoard it only for themselves.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** and the **Prayer of Illumination** are posted on the Vanderbilt Lectionary website.
Year C - Season after Pentecost - Proper 27 (32) : Revised Common Lectionary (vanderbilt.edu)

The **Prayer of Confession** is adapted from a prayer written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C62sun32.htm>

The **Litany for Veterans** was written by Tony Williams in 2013 and is posted on ProgressiveChristianity.org:
A Litany for Veterans.

The **Prayers of the People** and the **Benediction** are written by Thom M. Shuman and posted on his blog at www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

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