



Swift Current  
*Oratorio Choir*

Spring Concert 2025

A Few of Our

# FAVORITE things



Conductor **MICHAELA JERSAK**  
Collaborative Pianist **AMY WIENS**

**7:30 pm • Friday, April 4, 2025**

**Zion Mennonite Church • Swift Current, SK**



[www.swiftcurrentoratoriochoir.org](http://www.swiftcurrentoratoriochoir.org)

## *Our Program*

1. **My Favorite Things** (from the Musical Play “*The Sound of Music*”)  
Words by Oscar Hammerstein II, music by Richard Rodgers
2. **Hymn to Freedom**  
Lyrics by Harriette Hamilton, music by Oscar Peterson,  
arr. by Paul Read
3. **I Dreamed of Rain**  
by Jan Garrett, arr. Larry Nickel
4. **Adiemus** (from *Adiemus: Songs of Sanctuary*)  
by Karl Jenkins
5. **My Lord, What a Morning** (African-American Spiritual)  
Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram
6. **I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**  
Traditional, arr. Ron Smail
7. **River in Judea**  
Lyrics by Linda Marcus, music by Jack Feldman,  
arr. by John Leavitt

— Intermission —



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**Zion Mennonite Church, Pharmasave,  
Chase and Conrad Seemel—**

and especially our audience, who inspire us to come together  
and share our love of music year after year.

**8. Away from the Roll of the Sea**

Words and music by Allister MacGillivray

**9. Tell My Ma**

Traditional Irish Folk Song, arr. by Jon Washburn

Soloist: Kristen Quartel

**10. Wood River**

Words and music by Connie Kaldor, arr. by Willi Zwozdesky

Soloist: Linda Altermatt

**11. The Ground (from *Sunrise Mass*)**

Music by Ola Gjeilo

**12. Sanctus et Benedictus (from *Missa "True Love"*)**

Music by Karl Kang

Soloist: Dan Siebert

**13. The Gift of Music**

Words and music by John Rutter

Soloist: Harold Lapuz; Carla Phoenix on flute



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As a 50th Anniversary project in 2023, our choir purchased a set of professional risers. We are now offering donors of \$1,000 a permanent plaque affixed to one of the steps.

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# *Our Choristers*

## *Sopranos*

Kendra Brandt, Tara Christiansen, Sheila Dempsey, Elaine Derksen,  
Shirley Ens, Val Forster, Grace Funk, Jessie Hanna, Jill Jahnke,  
Merle Nostbakken, Tommi Ortega, Carla Phoenix, Kristin Quartel,  
Kelly Rempel, Connie Sykes, Laurie Weppeler

## *Altos*

Cheryl Dubois, Brenda Dueck, Lois Linder, Grace Nongauza,  
Jane Norman, Theresa Pompu, Emily Rempel, Sandra Rempel,  
Jennifer Shygera, Carol Siebert, Theresa Soper, Brittney Turanich,  
Loretta Unger, Claire Verret, Kae Waters

## *Tenors*

Linda Altermatt, Mark Anderson, Harold Lapuz,  
Shaw Li, Ryan Medforth, Brian Shygera

## *Bass*

Mike Cuthill, Isaac Funk, Greg Kiel, Wendell Patzer,  
Karan Regier, Rene Seemel, Dan Siebert, Zachary Stefaniuk



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