

# The Vicar's Hymnal 2010



The 2010 Lake Pepin Three Speed Tour





















## *A Note from the Vicar*

Music these days is too often thought of as something to be consumed, something purchased at \$0.99 per song on iTunes or half-listened to on the radio on the way to work. And live music, and especially live singing by groups, is becoming less common.

*The Vicar's Hymnal, 2010*, is my attempt to help change this. I am not a professional musician but am a longtime church choir member married to an experienced church Music Director. Singing in choir is a real delight, and our choirs are composed of ordinary people stretched beyond our own capabilities to sound much better as a group than we could possibly sound individually. There is much comfort in singing in a group! Public singing by groups other than church choirs seems to be getting less common, although in college at our dorm house had a regular series of songs we'd sing at house meetings, old chestnuts like "Chris Colombo", "Barnacle Balls the Sailor" and "The Twelve Erotic Days of Christmas". That really is where I started singing in public, and there was an infectious joy to those sessions before the house meetings each week. Having a howl during the Three Speed Tour is another opportunity for us ordinary people to have a good time. Have a beer or two to reduce inhibitions, grab a Hymnal, sing with gusto and enjoy!



The Vicar atop the Bay City Hill, 2009