

**Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond
United Church of Christ
Our Church at Worship on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2022 10:00 A.M.
*Our Mission: To be an inviting, caring faith community
connecting with Christ.***

Welcome, visitors! Our greeters have welcome bags to share with you, so please make sure they know you're visiting.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GATHERING SONG "Forever"

Verse 1: **Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;**

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things;

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2: **With a mighty hand, an outstretched arm;**

His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn;

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong,

Forever God is with us, Forever, forever.

Verse 3: **From the rising to the setting sun**

His love endures forever.

And by the grace of God we will carry on;

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Repeat Chorus

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Mike Kennedy

One: God of wonder and love,
God of rescue and judgement,
God of hope and forgiveness, here we are.
We wonder. We call out. We hope.

Hear us pray:

Powerful God, you created the universe and also us,
the stars and also the slugs.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: You called Abraham and Sarah to carry your blessings to all nations. You guided Jacob, wrestled him into new life, and called him Israel.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: You protected Joseph and worked his hard times for goodness. You strengthened midwives and mothers to birth and raise Moses.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: You came to Moses in a burning bush and set your words in his mouth. You pulled your people into freedom.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: You led the Israelites through the sea on dry land and you destroyed their enemies.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: In the fullness of time, you came in Jesus to live among us and reveal your love through all times.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: With the long line of ancestors, you gather your church today

- you call and guide us, protect and strengthen us.

You ask us to reveal your love.

All: We remember your saving acts, O God.

One: Amen.

HYMN

“God of Abraham and Sarah”

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CHANCEL STEPS

The children are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church at this time. Afterwards, they are dismissed to Sunday school for the remainder of worship. They will return upstairs at the end of worship.

SONG RESPONSE “Thank God”

**Thank God, thank God,
thanks in the morning, thanks in the noontime.
Thank God, thank God,
thanks when the sun goes down.**

ANTHEM

“A Mountain Harvest”

Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 114 – from the Common English Bible

When Israel came out of Egypt— when the house of Jacob came out

from a people who spoke a different language—Judah was God’s sanctuary; Israel was God’s territory. The sea saw it happen and ran away; the Jordan River retreated! The mountains leaped away like rams; the hills leaped away like lambs! Sea, why did you run away? Jordan, why did you retreat? Mountains, why did you leap away like rams? Hills, why did you leap away like lambs? Earth: Tremble before the Lord! Tremble before the God of Jacob, the one who turned that rock into a pool of water, that flint stone into a spring of water!

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-16, 21-31– from the Common English Bible

When Egypt’s king was told that the people had run away, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about the people. They said, “What have we done, letting Israel go free from their slavery to us?” So he sent for his chariot and took his army with him. He took six hundred elite chariots and all of Egypt’s other chariots with captains on all of them...

As Pharaoh drew closer, the Israelites looked back and saw the Egyptians marching toward them. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, “Weren’t there enough graves in Egypt that you took us away to die in the desert? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt like this? Didn’t we tell you the same thing in Egypt? ‘Leave us alone! Let us work for the Egyptians!’ It would have been better for us to work for the Egyptians than to die in the desert.” But Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand your ground, and watch the LORD rescue

you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never ever see again. The LORD will fight for you. You just keep still.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to get moving. As for you, lift your shepherd’s rod, stretch out your hand over the sea, and split it in two so that the Israelites can go into the sea on dry ground. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, turning the sea into dry land...

The waters were split into two. The Israelites walked into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians chased them and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and cavalry. As morning approached, the LORD looked down on the Egyptian camp from the column of lightning and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into a panic. The LORD jammed their chariot wheels so that they wouldn’t turn easily. The Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites, because the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water comes back and covers the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. At daybreak, the sea returned to its normal depth. The Egyptians were driving toward it, and the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the cavalry, Pharaoh’s entire army that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained. The Israelites, however, walked on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.

The LORD rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the amazing power of the LORD against the Egyptians. The people were in awe of the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

MESSAGE

Stuck between Fear and Faith

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

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TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Give: We are so thankful for the continued financial support that we have continued to receive during this time!

You may always send your check directly to the church at PO Box 246, Richmond IL, 60071.

HYMN

“My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff”

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NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song “When the Lord's in You”

**When the Lord's in you, and the Lord's in me,
there's a bridge between our spirits, wherever we may be.
'til we meet again let us hold the Mystery
of the Lord in you and me.**

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CHURCH NEWS

FOR LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY will be Tuesday on Zoom at 1:30. We read and discuss the sermon Scripture for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join in and no special knowledge is needed. Our Meeting ID is 896 5130 1635 and the passcode is 003204. This Tuesday we'll be discussing Exodus 16.

FOR CONNECTION

PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT: Thursday, October 27th, 6:00-7:30PM. Come enjoy pumpkin carving with your church friends! Let Pastor Hope or Jean Valsa know by Sunday, October 23rd, how many from your family plan to attend, so we can provide pumpkins. Families can either eat before they come or bring their own dinner to eat in the fellowship hall.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on October 30. All Saints is the day when we name and remember all those loved ones who have died in the past 12 months. If you have lost a loved one during this past year who would like us to name aloud in worship that day, please share that person's name and their connection to you with Pastor Hope no later than Wednesday, Oct. 26.

FOR SERVICE

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING is an annual special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds is used to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Support this valuable work by marking your check or offering envelope with the words "Neighbors in Need."

HELPING THE CHURCH AT NO COST TO YOU How can you help the church finances without costing you any money? You can buy gift cards, of course! You buy the card, you use the card, and the church gets a percentage of that. Do you go to Jewel or Meijer every week? Do you have a Starbucks account that you can load the card onto the app? Do you order often from Amazon? Jewel pays us 4% of every gift card purchased through this fundraiser; Meijer pays 3%. Most of the McHenry restaurant chains pay us 8%! Home

Depot, Ace, and Kohls are 4%. If you are spending money at these places, why not pay up front, get a gift card, and help out the church.

Think about gifts you might need to give or places where you shop regularly. See Penny's post below for details on how to order. You can see a full list of vendors and the % at www.raiseright.com/brands

GIFT CARD ORDERING Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! If you give Penny a gift card order on Sunday, your cards are usually here by midweek. Contact Penny at 815-236-6172 or mriapk@gmail.com or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled "GIFT CARDS" in the office hallway. Thanks!

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Butter Braid Fund-Raiser: Wider Missions has decided to sell Butter Braids again to earn money for our local missions. These pastries are easy to make and tasty! Bake them up for your family for a great treat, or bake them for that potluck or meeting, or maybe give them as a gift to your busy friends. The pastries come in: Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Carmel Rolls, and Cinnamon Rolls. They cost \$16 each and are great for the holidays. They come frozen so all you have to do is remove the Butter Braid from the package, thaw, rise, and bake.

Our online store is now open. Your family and friends can place their orders at <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/ea778525-95f8-4c99-bccd-54190026342b> or still use the paper order form through Sunday, October 30th. Pick-up is Tuesday, November 8th from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COIN CHALLENGE 2022

Remember our coin challenge? We're ready to collect again! I bet there's change in your couch, cars, and jars from that awful year of 2020 we all stayed home! Now is the time to dig it out and turn it in. I want their fellow pew mates to win this competition! (Sweet treat involved.) The fundraiser will end on November 13!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: There are three teams and three jugs for collection: Green Jug (for the seats closest to West Ave), Black Jug: (for the seats nearest Broadway Street), and Blue Jug: for the Choir. If you want your section to win, add your change WEEKLY to your section's jug. If you want to bring another section's total DOWN, add bills.

For example: If you add \$5.00 in change to the green jug, but someone from another section throws in \$1.00 bill, the running "game total" for your section is \$4.00 (even though there is really \$6 in the jug). If you don't collect change but want to contribute, throw paper money into other jugs!

If you want to contribute to the fundraiser but aren't able, you may mail a check and make the check out to the church and notate: "coin challenge, green jug" (or whatever section you want to win).

CURRENT SCORES

Green team: \$14.68,

Black team: \$.04,

Blue team: -\$46.31.

Total earnings: \$154.41

COVID UPDATES Masks are currently optional at worship and church gatherings. Stay home if you're feeling sick and maintain a healthy distance from other households during worship. We make decisions about our community's standards based on Jesus' command to love each other and protect the most vulnerable among us. Our "community spread" is currently rated as low by CDC guidelines. Pastor Hope watches COVID statistics at https://covidactnow.org/us/illinois-il/county/mc_henry_county

**This page available for your doodles, prayers,
thanksgivings, sermon notes, shopping list...**

Trivia Night Returns!

Saturday, November 12, 7PM,
at the Richardson Adventure Farm Event Room

What is it?

We, and our friends, and other people from the community who like trivia, form teams and as teams, we answer 4 rounds of trivia questions, over the course of 2-3 hours. Points are awarded for correct answers and the winning team wins trophies, their name on the large trophy kept here at church, and endless glory. Teams are encouraged to bring their own snacks; beverages of many types are available for purchase.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW A LOT OF TRIVIA to enjoy Trivia Night! While Trivia is the main event, there are other fun games during the evening, as well as the eating, drinking, the silent auction, and general merriment!

The family of Mike & Donna Anderson will be back to emcee the night. Kathy Speaker puts together an incredible amount of trivia facts, Dawn Conley coordinates the silent auction, and the facility is donated by the Richardsons. All money that you spend goes to church!

How can you help?

Spread the word!! The best way to get people to come to an event for the first time is to invite them.

Plan to come! There is no embarrassment at this event. Even teams that know very little trivia have a great time, and all our team answers for the questions are written down and turned in at the end of the round, so no one knows what you don't know.

Donate something for the silent auction. See below for details

How do we sign up?

Registration forms are available soon. If you have questions ask Mike or Donna Anderson, Dawn Conley, Kathy Speaker, or Pastor Hope.

Silent Auction

Dawn Conley will be putting together baskets for the Trivia Night Silent Auction. If you plan to put together a basket as a donation, let her know. Also, if you want to donate a single item (new, not something you want to get rid of) or a gift card, Dawn will put a basket together with your item.

Another option is to donate a favorite candle or your favorite winter treat that makes you feel warm and cozy for a “Winter Wonderland” basket put together and donated by our church family. Thank you for anything you can do to support this event!

You can call, text, or email her at 815-236-5982 or conley8405@gmail.com with your idea or donation. Thank you!

Trivia Night has been one of our biggest fundraisers and the silent auction is a big part of that, so we encourage you to bring plenty of cash or your checkbooks, and a generous spirit!

WORSHIP LEADERS

TODAY

Liturgist	Mike Kennedy
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	Dick Strahs
Fellowship Hosts	Dawn Conley & Mike Kennedy
Sunday School	Jean Valsa

Oct 30

Liturgist	Cheryl Heber
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Sunday School	Mike Kennedy

Nov 6

Liturgist	Kathy Karch
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Communion Preparations	

Nov 13

Liturgist	Robert Richardson
Video Director	
Greeter/Usher	
Fellowship Hosts	Mary Ann & Ode Keil
Sunday School	

PRAYERS for the Week of October 23, 2022

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope pastorhope@richmonducc.org AND our office, (office@richmonducc.org). THANKS!

We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.

JOYS: Birthdays: Kathy Karch (Oct 25), Cheryl Runnfeldt (Oct 28)
We are grateful for the 21 units of blood received at Tuesday's blood drive.

PRAYERS FOR:

All those affected by Hurricane Ian and other recent climate disasters, including Pastor Kathy's granddaughter
Those grieving, including Nicki Carter's mother
Alaina's Aunt Jane
Speedy healing for Ruth
Trevor and Thatcher Guillfoyle, stationed in FL with the U.S. Navy
Aaron, the son of our visitor, Cheryl
Linda Swenson
Ode and Mary Ann's sister-in-law, Leslyn

Ongoing Prayers:

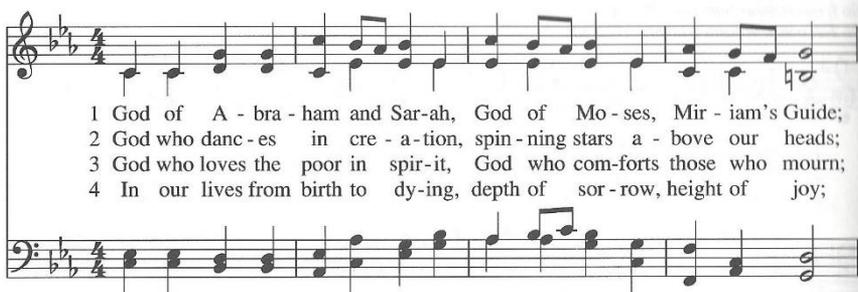
Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca
Marti Swanson's brother, John
Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family
Ella Watts, Melissa Jones's mother
Louise Strahs' niece, Amy Lenik

Our Congregational Prayer Partners this week are Rob & Carol Richardson.

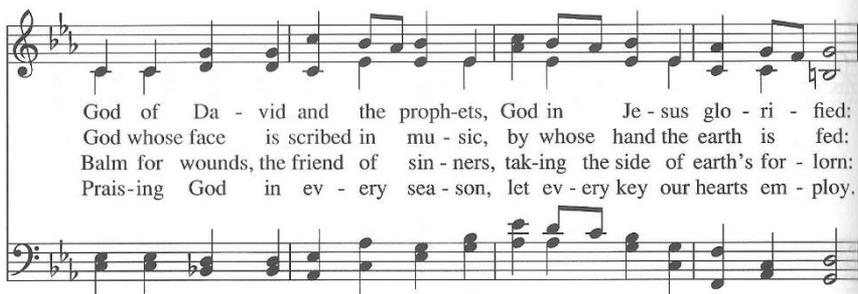
In the Wider Church: We pray for our neighbors in Christ: Faith Community United Church of Christ in Prairie Grove and their pastor, Rev. Catherine Erwin.

Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities: Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

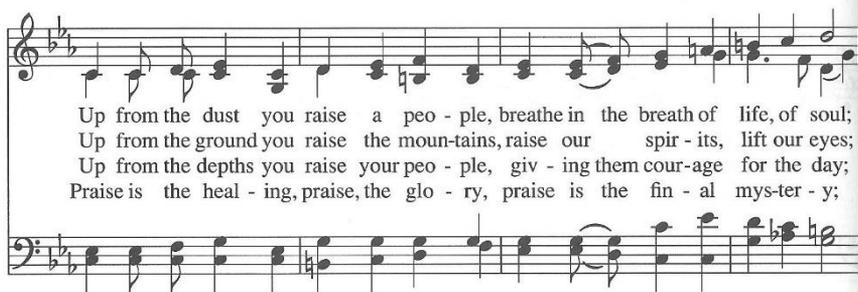
James Gertmenian, 1986; alt.



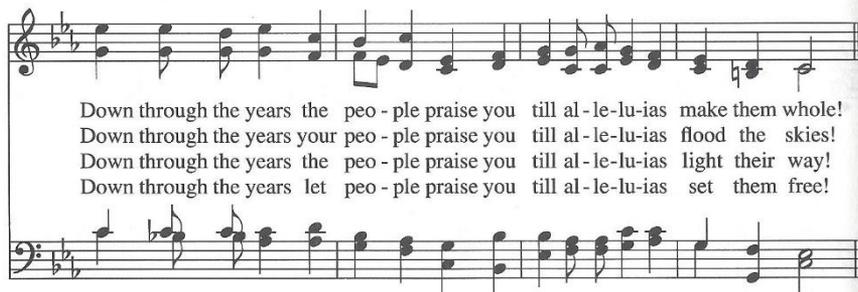
1 God of A - bra - ham and Sar - ah, God of Mo - ses, Mir - iam's Guide;
 2 God who danc - es in cre - a - tion, spin - ning stars a - bove our heads;
 3 God who loves the poor in spir - it, God who com - forts those who mourn;
 4 In our lives from birth to dy - ing, depth of sor - row, height of joy;



God of Da - vid and the proph - ets, God in Je - sus glo - ri - fied:
 God whose face is scribed in mu - sic, by whose hand the earth is fed:
 Balm for wounds, the friend of sin - ners, tak - ing the side of earth's for - lorn:
 Prais - ing God in ev - ery sea - son, let ev - ery key our hearts em - ploy.



Up from the dust you raise a peo - ple, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
 Up from the ground you raise the moun - tains, raise our spir - its, lift our eyes;
 Up from the depths you raise your peo - ple, giv - ing them cour - age for the day;
 Praise is the heal - ing, praise, the glo - ry, praise is the fin - al mys - ter - y;



Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias make them whole!
 Down through the years your peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias flood the skies!
 Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias light their way!
 Down through the years let peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias set them free!

The healing power of praise and the history of God's dealings with humankind are the themes of this hymn, written by a United Church of Christ minister who is the grandson of Armenian immigrants. The tune is named for his father.

Tune: CONSTANTINE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Melody by James Gertmenian, 1986
 Harm. Ronald Huntington, 1986; alt.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
 Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its, in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Crashing Waters at Creation

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Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

Gen. 1:1-5; Exod. 14:21-22; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:13-14

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| <p>1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion
 or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
 First to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning
 from the bright-ness of night's death.</p> <p>2 Part-ing wa-ter stood and trem-bled
 as the cap-tives passed on through,
 Wash-ing off the chains of bond-age—
 chan-nel to a life made new.</p> | <p>3 Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan
 closed a-round the One fore-told,
 O-pened to re-veal the glo-ry
 ev-er new and ev-er old.</p> <p>4 Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing,
 quench the thirst and flood the soul.
 Well-spring, Source of life e-ter-nal,
 drench our dry-ness, make us whole.</p> |
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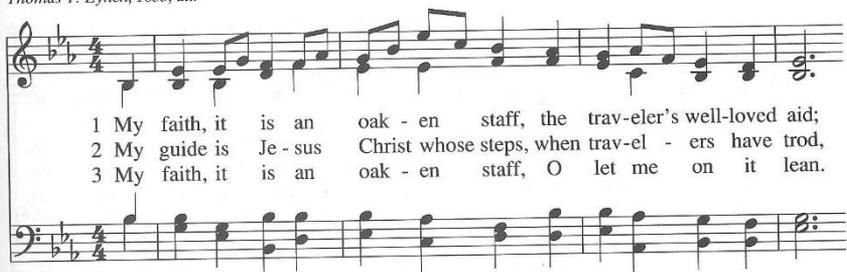
Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan wrote this text to accompany a prayer for blessing the water in the United Church of Canada baptismal rites. She has credited the work of Miriam Therese Winter as her inspiration for some of the imagery in the last stanza.

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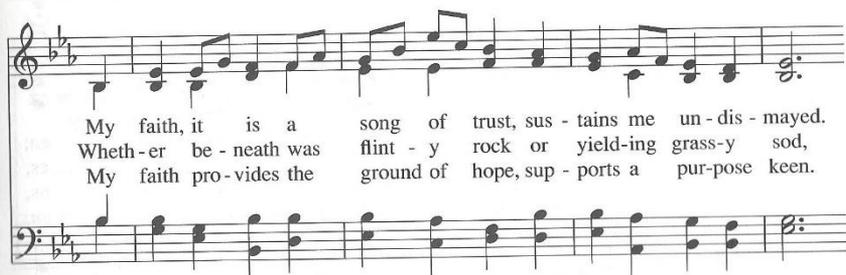
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My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

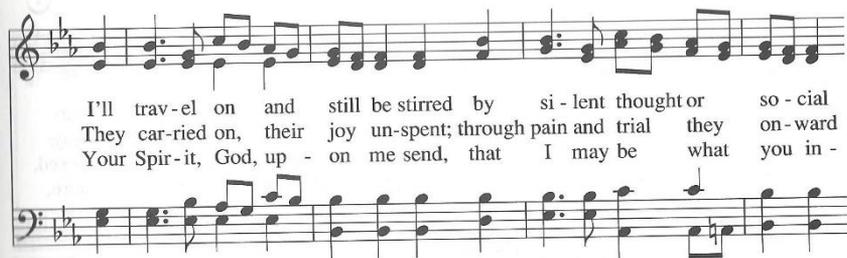
Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; alt.



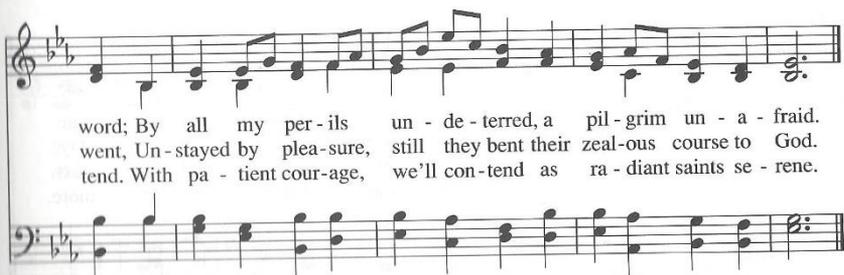
1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav - eler's well-loved aid;
 2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav - el - ers have trod,
 3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.



My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
 Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield - ing grass - y sod,
 My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur - pose keen.



I'll trav - el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
 They car - ried on, their joy un - spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
 Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -



word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
 went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal - ous course to God.
 tend. With pa - tient cour - age, we'll con - tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

A gifted Congregational minister in London, Thomas Toke Lynch was the subject of controversy within the churches upon the publication of his hymn collection, *The Rivulet*, which received poor reviews. This hymn was labeled Lynch's "best"

Tune: THE STAFF OF FAITH 8.6.8.6.8.8.8.6.
 Swiss folk melody
 Fellowship Hymn Book, 1910