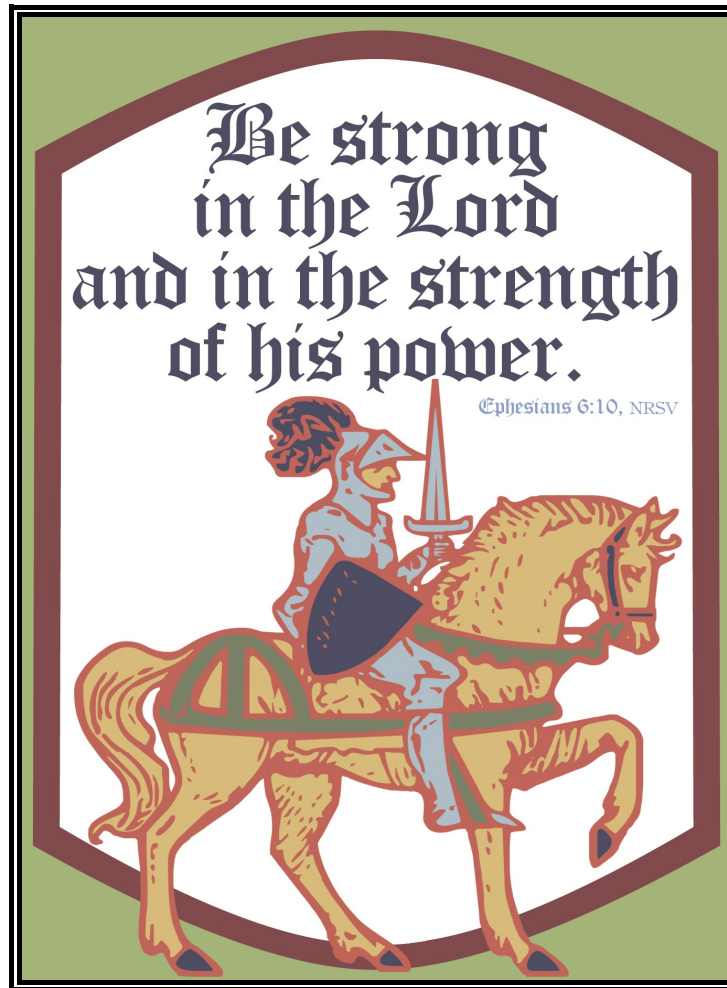


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or where you are on life's journey,  
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*May God's loving presence be very real to you,  
and may you receive strength and guidance today  
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, August 22, 2021**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,  
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

### A TIME OF GATHERING

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### PRELUDE

*"What a Friend"*

by Charles Converse; piano arrangement by John Turner

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,  
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently  
during or before the Prelude}*

#### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP <sup>®</sup>

O God, we come together in this house of prayer, trusting you to give us everything we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life's necessities for your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. Fleeing from tents of wickedness, we gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in your name. Amen.

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Blessed Assurance "* vs 1 & 2

*♩ Blue #572*

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#### \*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>®</sup>

Leader: With profound happiness, we welcome one another.  
How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

People: **Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord!  
Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.**

Leader: Here we welcome both friend and stranger.  
All peoples of the earth are God's children.

People: **We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.  
We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.**

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## We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

God has called us. We are drawn to the Spirit whose will for us is life at its fullest, attuned to all that is good and true. We are embraced by the gospel of peace. We come now to confess that we have not attuned our hearts to the will of God. Let us offer our confessions to the LORD....

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>®</sup> (Unison)

**Alert us now, eternal Spirit, to your presence among us in this place. Together, we confess that we have been busy with so many things that we have often forgotten you. We have made little gods out of buildings and furnishings and programs. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others and presume to defend you. We have forgotten that your love is stronger than any force on earth. Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back into the company of disciples who are learning and growing in love. Amen.**

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

Happy are those who daily find their strength in the living God, seeking to walk uprightly. Happy are those who trust in God, who sincerely and truthfully seek to serve where God needs them most. God redeems us, whatever our circumstances, lifting our spirits, even when our bodies are in chains. May we serve boldly as ambassadors for Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE<sup>®</sup>

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to our Triune God.

People: **We sing in praise of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

### \*PRAISE RESPONSE "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" vs 4 } Red #324

**Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run!**

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*{Please be seated}*

## We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.*

### PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Reading: [Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18](#)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

Gospel Reading: [John 6:56-69](#)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE: KIRK AULENBACH

**We Respond with Thanks**

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,  
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have  
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by  
re-affirming our faith in God,  
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and  
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

*UCC Statement of Faith: The Revision of 1981: A Doxology*

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,  
our crucified and risen Savior,  
you have come to us and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

*{Please be seated}*

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray....

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE® (Leader)**

Leader: Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*{A time of silent prayer}*

Leader: God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray....

**LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)**

**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 forever. Amen.**

**SUNG PRAISE**

*“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation ”*

vs 3

♪ Red #324

**Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants What they ask of Thee to gain,**

**What they gain from Thee forever With the blessed to retain,**

**And hereafter in Thy glory Evermore with Thee to reign.**

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## OFFERTORY INVITATION <sup>®</sup>

Leader: The church is not a private club that we maintain for our own benefit.

**People: It is a mission outpost, constantly enlisting us and our resources for the spreading of good news and the increase of God's reign of love.**

Leader: Our offerings are one measure of how seriously we take our call as ambassadors for Christ.

**People: Our offerings reveal the depth of love and faith in our hearts.**

## RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.  
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed  
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshiping in person or online,  
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church  
is through our secure [Online Giving](https://sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://sprucc.org). [Click Here](#)  
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

## OFFERTORY

*"Meditation on How Great Thou Art (Then Sings My Soul)"*

piano arrangement by John Carter

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

‡ NCH #283

**Giving, loving, holy God, receive our gifts we pray.**

**Giving, loving, holy God, receive our gifts we pray.**

**Take them, bless them, use them, grow them.**

**Giving, loving, holy God, receive our gifts we pray.**

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## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER <sup>®</sup> (Leader)

O Lord, may our giving add strength to the witness of your church as we humbly seek your truth and lovingly share it. Ready us to proclaim the gospel of peace in our homes, in our places of work and leisure, throughout our community and the world. Keep before your people the awesome mystery of faith. May its power overcome the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age, uniting us in disciplines that are freeing and discipleship that is amazingly fulfilling.  
**Amen.**

## We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,  
we go out into the world to share God's Good News  
through our words and actions.*

## \*COMMISSION <sup>®</sup>

Leader: Take a prayerful spirit into your everyday world.  
God will listen and respond to your prayers.

**People: We pray for all God's saints engaged in ministry.  
All of us are ambassadors for Jesus Christ.**

Leader: You have good news to share with a needy world.  
God will open up to you the mystery of the gospel.

**People: We trust in God to lead and guide us in truth.  
We will do our part to extend God's reign.**

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION** <sup>①</sup>

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God’s will, working in you that which is pleasing in God’s sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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**\*SENDING HYMN**

“O Jesus I Have Promised ” vs 1, 3 & 4

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,  
as we now go to carry God’s light and love back into the world.}*



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**The Flow of the Worship Service**

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God’s grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God’s call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God’s forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God’s forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God’s will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

## ††† Worship Participants †††

Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u> August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Next Sunday</u> August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Greeter/Usher	Terry P.	Geri G.
Greeter/Usher	Mike P.	Elsa W.
Greeter/Usher	-	-
Acolyte	Geri G.	Geri G.
Welcome	Elsa W.	Sheri R.
Layreader/Lector #1	Elsa W.	Sheri R.
Layreader/Lector #2	-	-
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Pastor Ben
Cantor	Brian K.	Sheri R.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.

### † Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.*

*"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b*

#### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Terry B.  
Sam B.  
Norman B.  
Lori & Ryan B.  
Rich D.  
Jacob E.  
Jaden G.  
Ann H.  
Leigh H.  
Richard H.  
Rev. David K.  
Jim & Donna K.  
Janice L.  
Ella L.  
Edmund L.

#### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Amy M.  
Diane M.  
George M.  
Starr M.  
Gary N.  
Terry O.  
Paul P.  
Fred R.  
Julie R.  
Sharon R.  
Jim S.  
Rob & Jodi S.  
Spencer Family  
Martha W.  
Ash & Annie W.

#### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Sandra B.  
Family & Friends of Joyce R.  
Family & Friends of Jason R.  
Family & Friends of Ron S.  
Family & Friends of Sarah S.

#### **Social Concerns:**

Those impacted by COVID-19  
Those working on a vaccine  
for COVID-19

#### **Celebration:**

Birth of Jenkins Ellis H.

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.*

*All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.*

*Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.*

*If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).*

#### **Visitation Care Team**

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at [CareTeam@sprucc.org](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the "ministries" tab.

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Link to Website's  
**Upcoming Events**



## ††† General Announcements †††

### Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

### Guest Messenger Today

Today our guest messenger for the worship service will be our own Kirk Aulenbach. Kirk is President of our Consistory and is also our AV tech person who makes possible our Sunday broadcasts. Thank you Kirk for sharing with us today.

### Sunday School Materials

Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading over the summer. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

### Devotional Music

Devotional music for all ages, courtesy of Pastor Bob, is available on our website. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

### Neighborhood Mission Work

Before we know it September will be here and it will be time for our stay-near-home Mission trip with Zion UCC (Womelsdorf). Scheduled for Saturday, September 18, we are still looking for local projects to consider and people to help on that day. **Please let us know ASAP so that the projects and the availability of help may be firmed up.** Please contact the church office either by calling or emailing. Information and a form may be found on our [website](#). Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18, with a rain date of Saturday, September 25. We will be meeting at the church at 1:00pm.

### Concert Series

Bethany Children's Home has their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Concert Series with the following shows:

Friday, August 27 - Stephanie Grace at 7:00pm

Friday, September 10 - Jeff Krick Jr.: Elvis Tribute at 7:00pm

Saturday, September 25 - Ringgold Band at 1:00pm

All shows are rain or shine. Suggested donation is \$5/car. Concessions and food trucks will be available. Proceeds benefit Bethany's mission. No weapons, pets, tobacco or alcohol. Lawn seating only. Bring your favorite chair or blanket!

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## About Today

**Church Season: Pentecost** -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**Green** - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

### **This Sunday, August 22, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 *and* Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 *and* Psalm 34:15-22;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

### **The Book of First Kings**

During the Middle Ages, the Book of Kings was divided into two parts. The first book provides a history of the Israelite people and their theological struggles from the death of King David (970 B.C.), through the reign of King Solomon, to the division of Israel into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, to the death of King Ahab, to the rule of his son Ahaziah (850 B.C.).

### **Psalm 84**

This OT song proclaims the joy of worshiping in God's temple. It is set to the melody of "The Gittith of the Korahites." The Korahites were singers and one of the four divisions of the priestly Levite tribe of Israel.

### **Joshua**

Following the death of Moses, Joshua becomes the leader of the Jewish people. The OT book of Joshua tells the story of the Israelites who since having been freed from Egyptian slavery, have been following Moses to the "Promised Land." In Joshua, they make the final part of this journey, crossing the Jordan River into the land of Canaan, the land promised to them by God.

### **Psalm 34**

In 1 Samuel 21:10-15, King David feigned madness before King Achish. This is an OT song of thanksgiving to God written by King David for escaping Achish. It instructs the community to know the goodness of God.

### **The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

The Epistle (letter) to the Gentile church in Ephesus is attributed to the Apostle Paul, written in the first century A.D. This is an open letter to many churches in response for the life-changing radical transformation in our personal and social life as we become a part of Christ's family. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

### **The Gospel According to John**

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

### **Next Sunday, August 29, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 *and* Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *and* Psalm 15; James 1:17-27;  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

WALKING WITH GOD

# 572 Blessed Assurance

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:22

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of  
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now  
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion- all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove,  
 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

*Optional descant*

This is my sto-ry,  
 Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.  
 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,  
 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my  
 this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my

TEXT: Fanny J. Crosby  
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp; Descant by James C. Gibson

ASSURANCE  
 9.10.9.9. with Refrain

### ASSURANCE AND TRUST

sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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# Conflict and Victory

FREDERICK W. FABER, 1849  
Stanzas 2, 3, alt.

8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8.

ST. CATHERINE  
HENRI F. HEMY, 1865  
Alt. JAMES G. WALTON, 1871

*With dignity and conviction*

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of  
 2. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all  
 3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and

dun - geon, fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy  
 na - tions un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God  
 foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our fa - thers,  
 Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free: Faith of our fa - thers,  
 By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.  
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*In moderate time*

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend:  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will!  
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy serv - ant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol!  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my Guide.  
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou Guard - ian of my soul!  
 O give me grace to fol - low My Mas - ter and my Friend! A-MEN.