

JANUARY 23, 2022 · GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES ARE IN BOLD, THIS
NOTATION · MEANS "PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT"

PRELUDE

Jeremy Hill

WELCOME

Deacon Price Hutchins

• OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

OPENING REFLECTION

Pastor Lisa Burger

Called to Become

You are called to become a perfect creation.

No one is called to become who you are called to be.

It does not matter how short or tall, or thick-set or slow you may
be.

It does not matter whether you sparkle with life,
or are as silent as a still pool.

Whether you sing your song aloud or weep alone in darkness.
It does not matter whether you feel loved and admired or unloved
and alone -

for you are called to become a perfect creation.

No one's shadow should cloud your becoming.

No one's light should dispel your spark.

For the Lord delights in you.

Jealously looks upon you, and encourages with gentle joy;
every movement of the Spirit within you.

Unique and loved you stand.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, Sunday, January 23

♥ Virtual Worship, 10 am with
Pastor Lisa Burger & Deacon
Kevin Murphy

♥ Annual Meeting on [Zoom](#)
immediately following worship
(Click link to join)

Tuesday, January 25

♥ Staff Meeting, 9:30 am

♥ Prayer Group, 1:30 pm

Next Sunday, January 30

♥ Virtual Worship, 10 am
with Drew Sanborn &
Margaret Lindsey

Beautiful or stunted in your growth but never without hope and life.

For you are called to become a perfect creation.

This becoming may be gentle or harsh, subtle or violent.

But it never ceases, never pauses or hesitates.

Only is—

A creative force calling you to become a perfect creation.

Edwina Gateley

WE SOUND THE BELL

Deacon Martha Spencer

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Lisa Burger

ANTHEM

"Alleluia"
Thompson

First Church Choir

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Pastor Lisa Burger

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."

Meister Eckhart

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

Sandy Wissmann

Go now in peace! Go now in peace!

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go!

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

Deacon Kevin Murphy

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church today!



1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Deacon Kevin Murphy

- HYMN**

"My Faith it is an Oaken Staff"



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon Martha Spencer

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 sins as we
forgive those who sin 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

AN OFFERING OF LOVE AND PROMISE

Deacon Kevin Murphy

OFFERTORY

Jeremy Hill

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon Sharon Libbey

Loving and Holy God; pour out your blessing on these gifts offered to you in love and meant to ensure the continuation of the work of your disciples through this church. Guide us and shape us as servants of love; using these gifts to make our church and your world even more kind, loving and welcoming for all. Amen

BENEDICTION

Deacon Kevin Murphy

POSTLUDE

Jeremy Hill

Service Credits: Opening Reflection - From: Edwina Gateley, There Was No Path So I
Trod One (1996, 2013)



God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

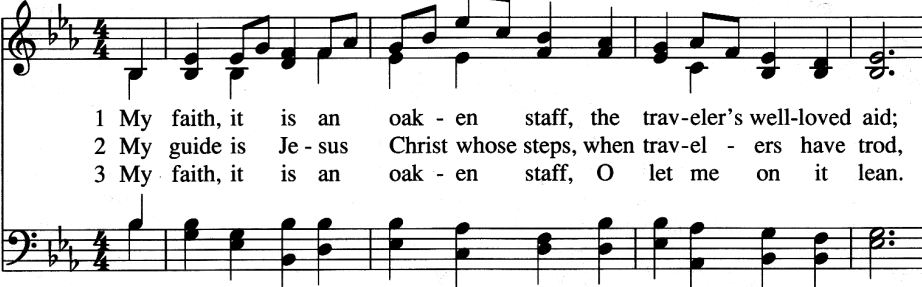
Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

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 John Hughes, c. 1907

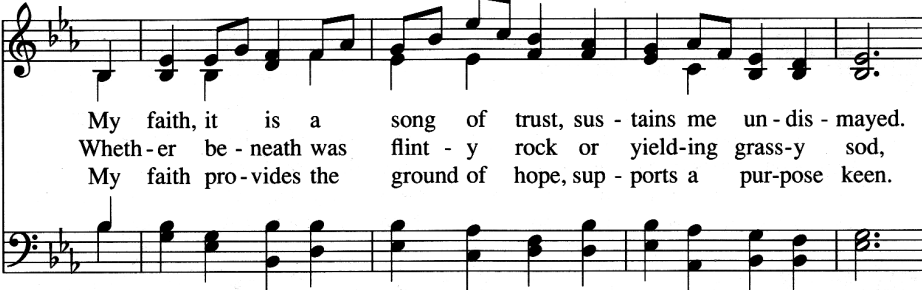
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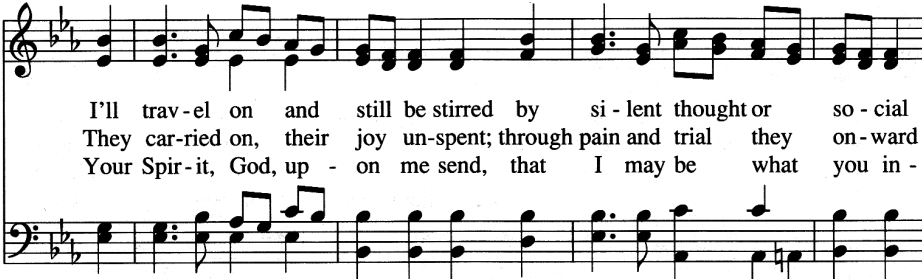
My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; alt.


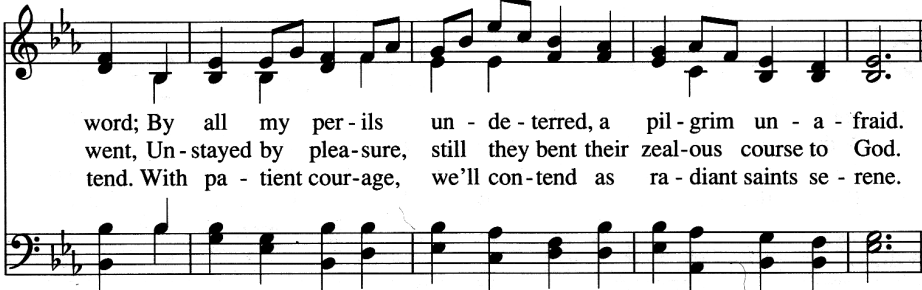
1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav-eler's well-loved aid;
 2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav-el - ers have trod,
 3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.



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" when it appeared in Congregational Praise (1951).

Tune: THE STAFF OF FAITH 8.6.8.6.8.8.8.6
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 Fellowship Hymn Book 1970