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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

He's Always Been Faithful

by Groves

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89: 1-4)

L: I will sing of the Lord's loyal love forever. I will proclaim your faithfulness with my own mouth from one generation to the next.

P: That's why I say, "Your loyal love is rightly built – forever! You establish your faithfulness in heaven."

L: You said, "I made a covenant with my chosen one; I promised my servant David:

P: I will establish your offspring forever; I will build up your throne from one generation to the next."

***OPENING HYMN NO. 522 (black hymnal)**

I Love to Tell the Story

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O Lord, our God, we want you to be the central part of our lives, but we are so consumed with schedules and “stuff” that we fail miserably to place you there. We know that all we have is yours, and that we are but temporary stewards of all you have blessed us with, but it’s hard to give up the idea that what we have is ours alone. Forgive us God. Help us to seek you above all else. Help us to dedicate our lives, and all that we have in our lives, to your service. Bring us to you in love and grace, and enable us to be fully faithful to your kingdom building work. Let our faith in you define everything about our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 423 (black hymnal, refrain)

Great Is Your Faithfulness

ALL SING: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God unto me.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Matthew 22: 15-22

HYMN NO. 473 (black hymnal)

Blessed Assurance

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*We’re a Fellowship of Believers
Althouse, Lutkin*

*The worship choir asks that you please hold your applause following this anthem.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Berry

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 420 (black hymnal, v. 1) *We Praise You, O God*

ALL SING: We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 25 (black hymnal)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

by Price/Besig

ALL SING: Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*POSTLUDE

New Faith, New Life

by Ritter

NOTES

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Danika and Drew Dallam's 16th wedding anniversary, by Danika and Drew Dallam.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my Mother, Tillie Henry, with love, Anne.

The bulletins are presented in honor of the November Worship Team, Elaine Bevivino, Dani Kardisco, and Lana Fritz by Don and Diane Strine.

Thank you to the October Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Nancy Sleeper, Paulette Smith, Doris Loucks, and Pastor Jeff.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Denee, Ryan, and Jordyn Myers; Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Red & Ellie Arnold; Bill & Bonnie Murphy; Sharon Mulligan

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

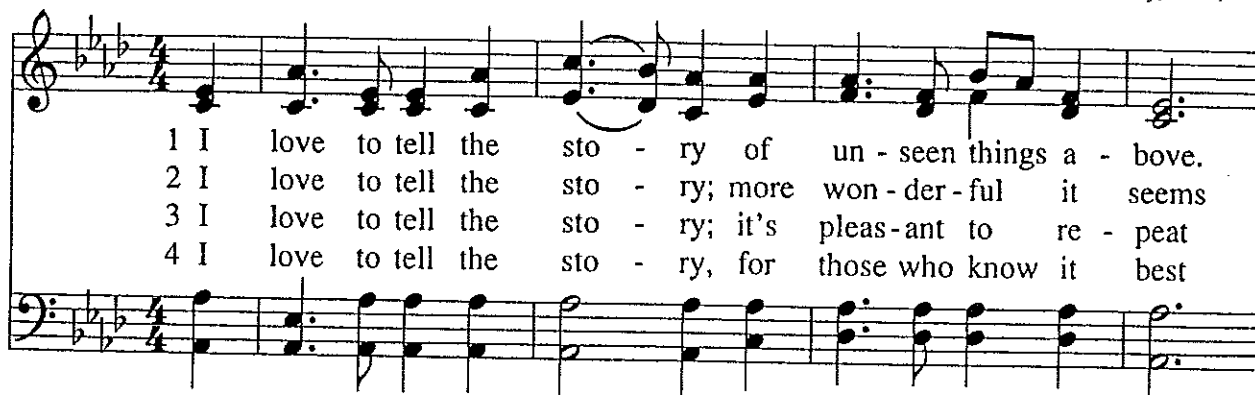
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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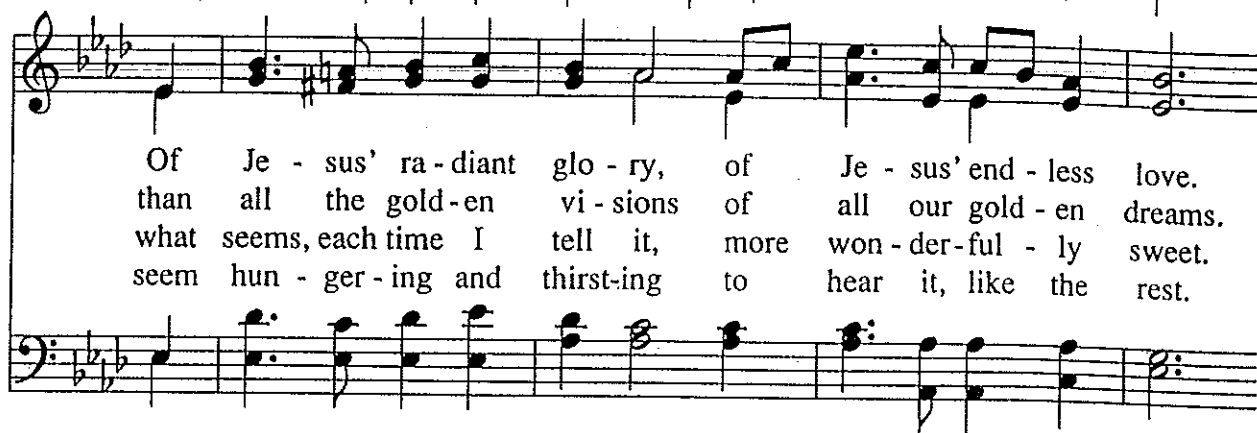
*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

I Love to Tell the Story

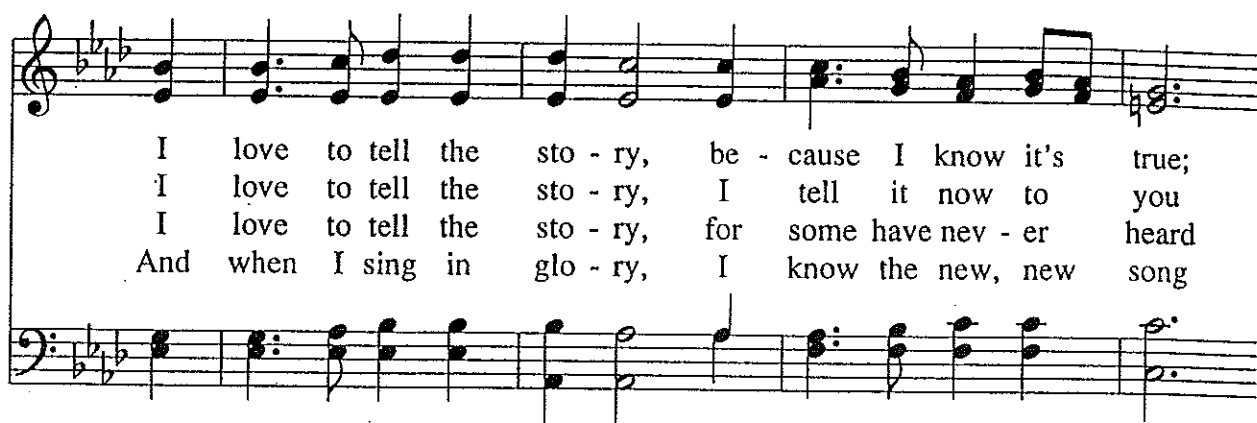
Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.



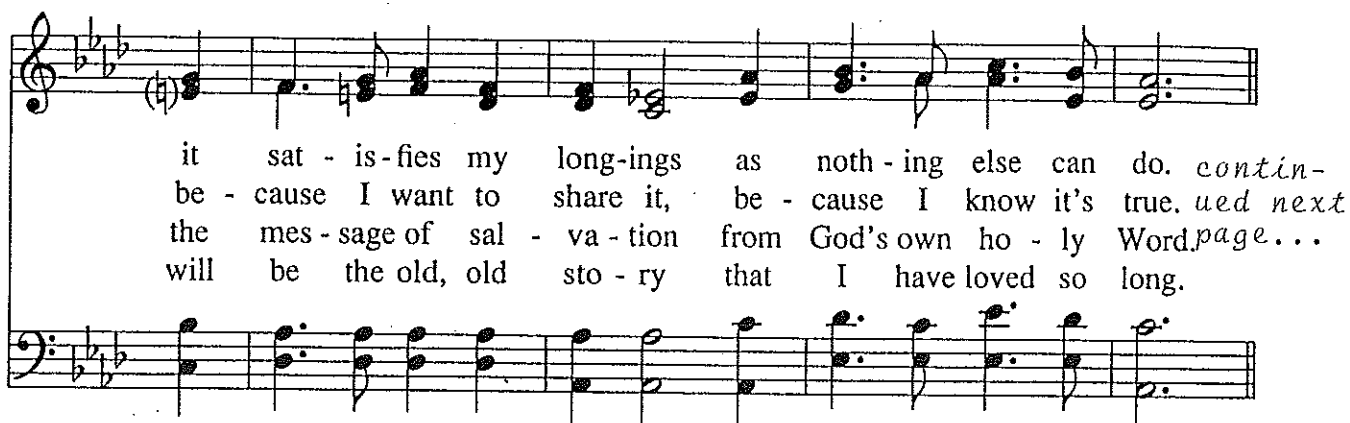
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



Of Je - sus' ra - diant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do. *contin-*
 be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true. *ued next*
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word. *page...*
 will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry

I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.

Born in Clapham, England, Katherine Hankey belonged to the Clapham Sect of Evangelicals and established a Bible class for girls in London's West End. This hymn is drawn from her extended poem on the life of Jesus, which also contains "Tell me the old, old story."

Tune: HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D. with refrain
William G. Fischer, 1869

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

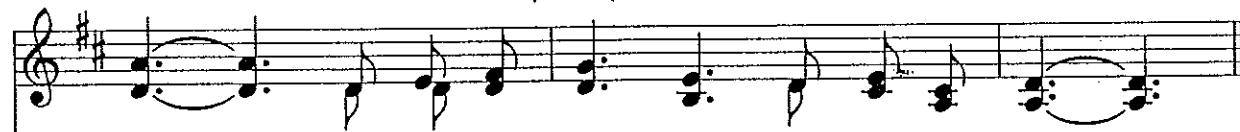
Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



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



After hearing Phoebe Knapp play this tune on the piano, Fanny Crosby composed the poem on the spot. In her almost 95 years, Crosby wrote more than 8,500 gospel hymns and songs.

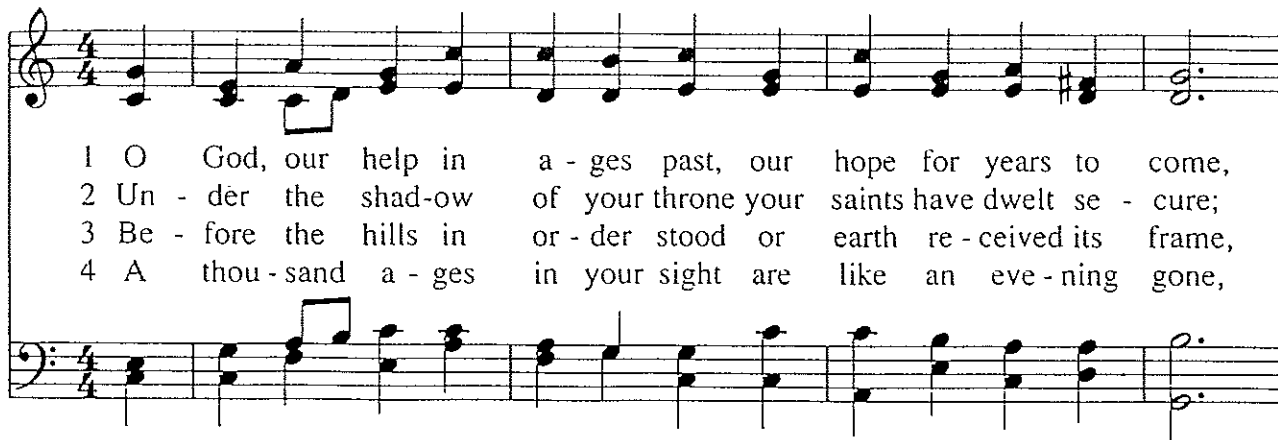
Tune: ASSURANCE Irr.
 Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

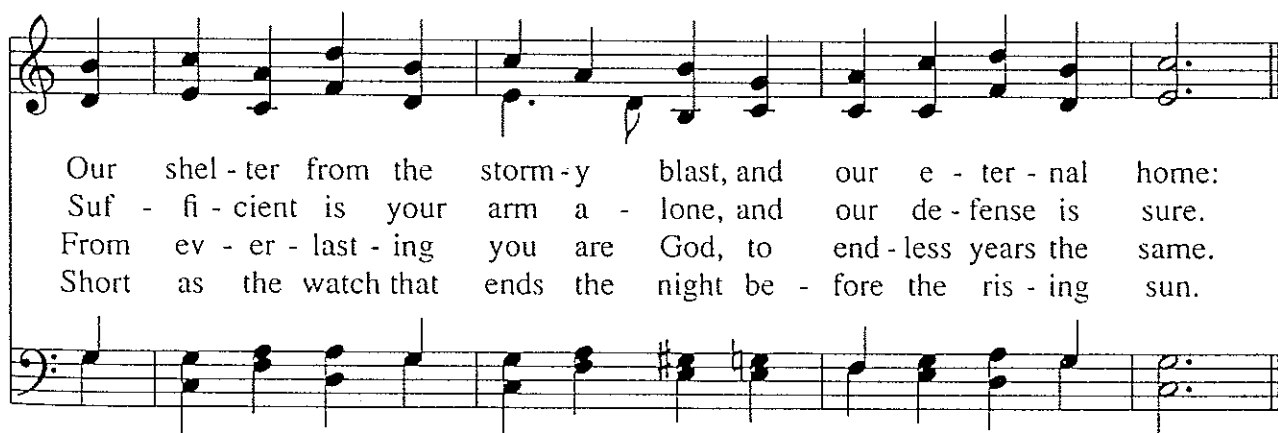
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream
fades at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in a - ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou - bles last,
and our e - ter - nal home!

Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708