



THE OLD MEETING HOUSE

East Montpelier Center, Vermont

Welcome to those searching for a spiritual home, welcome to those of you questioning your faith, your God, yourselves, welcome to those exuberant in faith and eager to share the grace of God. Welcome to all who have felt the doors of a church closed—our doors are open. Welcome to The Old Meeting House.

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT CONGREGATIONAL LIFE Tom Schmidt

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME Sarah Brock

CENTERING SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Hymn #485

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 30 Page 639

* **GLORIA PATRI** (Please sing with the language you prefer)
Glory be to the Father (Creator), And to the Son (Christ),
And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

SENDING SONG Go now in peace; go now in peace
May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.
(Children may leave for Sunday School)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 3:1-10, Page 886 Merry Schmidt

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER **SILENT PRAYER** **LORD'S PRAYER**
Each of us comes here today with a hope, a concern, or in need of a prayer.
Please share with our beloved family if you are willing.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

You are invited to place in the offering plate your monetary gifts, as well as to use the pew Prayer Pads to write your prayers, nametag requests and/or contact information. (Unless indicated otherwise, these will be prayed over by the pastoral care team & prayer chain.)

*** DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION**

When the Storms of Life are Raging
(Stand By Me) V: 1-3; 5

Insert

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:17-26

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CHANT

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer.
O Lord, Hear My Prayer.
When I Call, Answer Me.
O Lord, Hear My Prayer.
O Lord, Hear My Prayer.
When I Call, Answer Me.**

Sermon

This is Real. This is Real.

Tom Schmidt

SILENCE

*** CLOSING HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn #506

*** BENEDICTION**

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** Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

Permission to podcast the music in this service obtained from One License, #A72930

Visitors — We especially welcome those who are visiting us today. Please let us know you are here by using the pew pads to leave your name & contact information.

Nursery is available upstairs in the Parish House during the service.

June Morse, *Music Director* • Marcia Clark, *Sr. Choir Director*
Tim Shea, *Hybrid Church Coordinator*
Hannah Conner, *Children & Youth Coordinator*
Kathy Saterfield and Tim Noonan, *Ushers*
Lissa England and Joy Schricker, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Meetings and Gatherings		
Soups On	Friday, September 27, 2024	5:00 PM 7:00 PM
Nona Estrin Reception	Sunday, September 29, 2024	11:00 AM
Youth Group	Sunday, September 29, 2024	11:30 AM-3:00 PM
Hybrid: Justice in Action	Tuesday, October 1, 2024	5:30 PM-6:30 PM
Zoom: Trustee Meeting	Tuesday, October 1, 2024	7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Zoom: Spiritual Life Meeting	Tuesday, October 1, 2024	7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Meditation	Thursday, October 3, 2024	4:30 PM-5:30 PM
Zoom: Finance Meeting	Thursday, October 3, 2024	6:30 PM-7:30 PM
Chicken Pie Take-Out	Saturday, October 5, 2024	4:00, 5:00, 6:00 PM

Coffee Hour

Please join us after Worship

Sr. Choir Practice

Sundays at 8:30 AM, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Chicken Pie Pick-Up

October 5, 2024: 4:00, 5:00, or 6:00 **RESERVATIONS (REQUIRED): 802-223-6934**

Office Hours

Our Administrative Assistant: Kathi Smith is working Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Parish House. You can reach her at admin@oldmeetinghouse.org

The Old Meeting House is an Open & Affirming community church with strong denominational ties to the United Church of Christ. This means that everyone – EVERYONE – is welcome.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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George Matheson, 1882; alt.

Rom. 8:38-39; John 8:12

1 O Love that will not let me go,
 2 O Light that fol - lows all my way,
 3 O Joy that seeks me through my pain,
 4 O Cross that rais - es up my head,

I rest my wea - ry soul in you;
 to you I yield my flick - ering flame;
 to you I can - not close my heart;
 from you I dare not seek to flee;

I give you back the life I owe, that
 Re - new my spir - it's fee - ble ray, that
 I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 Life's glo - ries with - er and are dead, but

in your o - cean depths its flow may swell with ar - dor true.
 from your bril - liant sun - lit day it may new bright - ness claim.
 know the prom - ise is not vain that you will ne'er de - part.
 from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

Although he was nearly blind, George Matheson studied for the Church of Scotland ministry, assisted by his sisters, who learned Latin, Greek, and Hebrew to help him. Matheson wrote this hymn in five minutes on June 6, 1882, at his parsonage.

Tune: ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6.
 Albert L. Peace, 1885

Psalm 130

Response

My soul waits for God.

R

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

² O God, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? *R*

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for God more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in God!

For with God there is steadfast love.

With God is great power to redeem;

⁸ It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. *R*

When The Storms of Life are Raging

Stand by Me

V: 1-3, 5

Charles Albert Tindley, 1905

J=105

1. When the storms of life are rag - ing, Stand by
2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, Stand by
3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Stand by
5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, Stand by

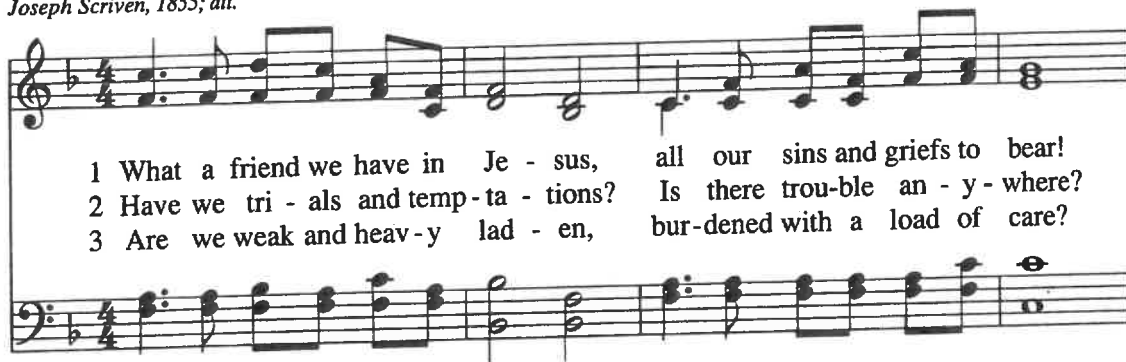
me (stand by me); When the storms of life are rag - ing, Stand by
me (stand by me); In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, Stand by
me (stand by me); In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
me (stand by me); In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Stand by
me (stand by me); When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, Stand by

me (stand by me); When the world is toss - ing me Like a
me (stand by me); When the hosts of hell as - sail, And my
me (stand by me); When I do the best I can, And my
me (stand by me); When my foes in battle a - rray Un - der -
me (stand by me); When my life becomes a bur - den, And I'm

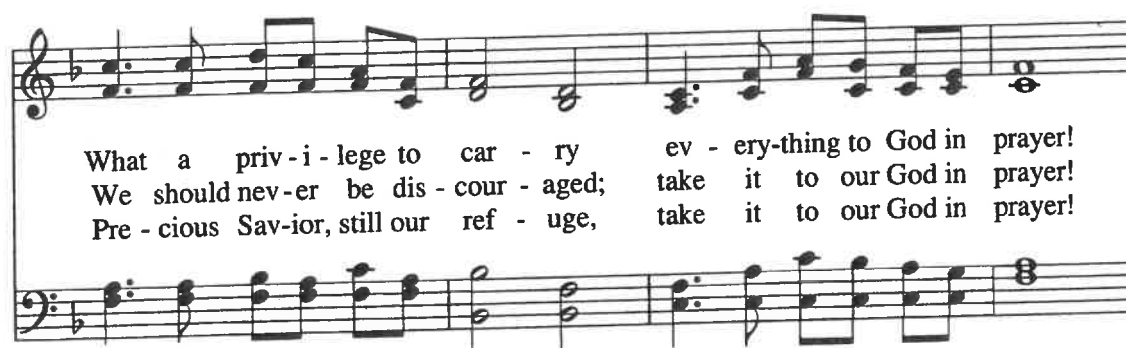
ship up - on the sea Thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, Stand by me (stand by me).
strength be - gins to fail, Thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, Stand by me (stand by me).
friends mis-un - der-stand, Thou who know-est all a - bout me, Stand by me (stand by me).
take to stop my way, Thou who sav - ed Paul and Si - las, Stand by me (stand by me).
near - ing chill-y Jordan, O Thou "Li - ly of the Vall-ey," Stand by me (stand by me).

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

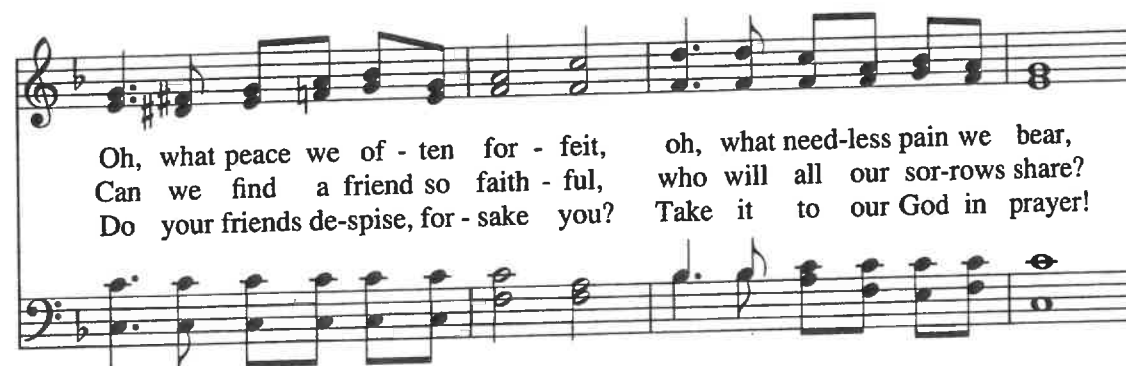
Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.



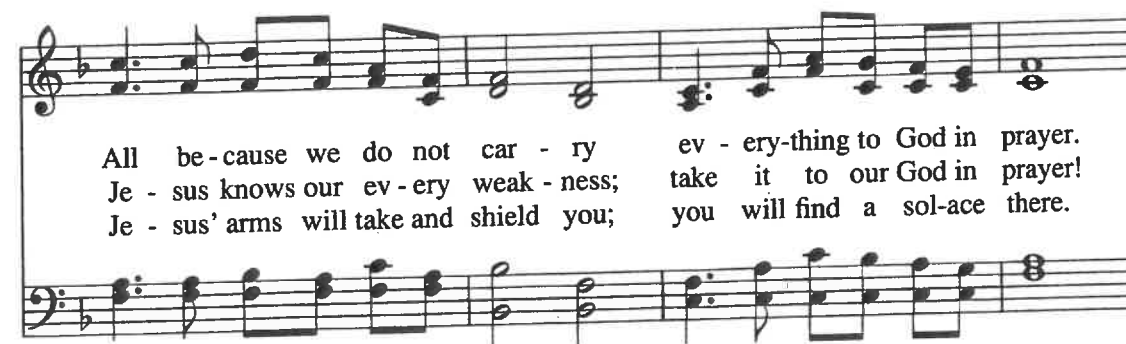
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur-dened with a load of care?



What a priv-i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be-cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Charles C. Converse, 1868