

Waterford Congregational Church

Hymns for June 6, 2021

Inspired by 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above:
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus' endless love.

2 I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

Refrain

Verses by Kate Hankey, 1866;

Refrain and Music by William Fischer, 1869

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

Words by Ray Palmer, 1830

Music by Lowell Mason, 1832

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Words by Fanny Crosby, c.1873

Music by Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873*

**Organist/Composer Phoebe Knapp was the wife of Joseph Fairchild Knapp, one of the founders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Phoebe composed over 500 songs, the most famous of which being "Assurance," for which her friend (and fellow congregant at John St. Methodist Episcopal Church NYC) Fanny Crosby penned the lyrics – on the spot at once, having heard Phoebe play the tune, so the story goes. After her husband's death, Mrs. Knapp shared the vast majority of her wealth with charitable causes. She died in the summer of 1908 in Poland, Maine where she was a seasonal resident of the Poland Spring Resort.*

George Wiese, Organist

1899 Mason & Hamlin "Liszt" Organ, Style 523