



SEPTEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

If you don't have a cause that is worth dying for, you very likely don't have anything worth living for.
 ---Unknown

"Often we fail to realize the great price many of our forefathers paid to establish and preserve the Christian faith. It is good for us to be reminded often that the history of the Christian faith is a rich heritage of countless people whose faith in God was considered more dear than life itself."

Kenneth W. Osbeck

Early Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. Our American forefathers were persecuted as they sought a land where they could practice freedom of religion. Frederick Faber wrote this hymn as a reminder of the faith of Roman Catholic martyrs who were persecuted under the reign of King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I during the 16th century. Frequently in the middle of the night, Catholic homes were invaded and the victims drug away to be scourged, fined or seared with hot irons. "Queen Elizabeth used fines, gallows, gibbets, racks and whips against those who said Mass, honored the pope, or harbored a priest. The dungeons were overflowing." (Robert J. Morgan)

Frederick W. Faber was born in 1814 and raised as a strict Calvinist in an Anglican parsonage in Yorkshire, England. His parents died when he was young. Upon entering Oxford University as a young man he came under the influence of John Henry Newman, a prominent Roman Catholic and author of "Lead Kindly Light." Following graduation, Faber became an Anglican minister, but he later found himself drawn to the liturgy of the Catholic faith. In 1845 he left the Church of England to be ordained as a Roman Catholic. "After being a part of the Church of England and seeing the influence that religious hymns had upon the fervor and outreach of the Protestant faith, Faber was determined to have the same for the Roman Catholic faith." He then made it his life's mission to write hymns to promote the history and teachings of the Catholic Church. He wrote 150 hymns before dying at the age of 49.

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"It was for the Catholic heroes, martyred at the hands of so-called Protestant monarchs that 'Faith of Our Fathers' was originally written. Now, of course, this great hymn reminds us all of the noble sacrifices made by those in every branch of the Christian family who have passed on their faith to us "...in spite of dungeons, fire and sword." (Robert J. Morgan)

Resources: "Amazing Grace" by Kenneth W. Osbeck; "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan;

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DEATHS

Bonnie Selby died July 7, 2017
Helen Fischer died August 13, 2017

Let's be the church together!!!

We are offering something for new-born through 12th grade EVERY Wednesday night (except for days there is no school or early release).

*There is a community meal at 5 pm for EVERYONE.

*After the meal, the JYF (2nd through 5th), Chi-Rho (6th through 8th), and CYF (9th through 12th) will have devotion, games, and activities until 7:00 pm.

*Childcare will be provided for new-born through 1st grade from 5:15 to 7:15 too.

Very exciting times! Contact Pastor Brown if you have questions.

