



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

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MAY 2023

Family Promise Karaoke Fundraiser: Friday, May 19th
Godly Play Training Seminar: Friday & Saturday, May 19th-20th
All Church Picnic: Sunday, May 28th, Fun, Food, & Fellowship!
Café Magnolia Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 7th & 14th



A Pastor's Pondering

You may have heard this before: How many Christians does it take to change a lightbulb, according to denominations?



Charismatic: Only 1 - hands are already in the air

Pentecostal: 10 - one to change the bulb and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness

Reformed: none - lights will go on and off at pre-destined times

Roman Catholic: None - candles only

Baptists: at least 15 - one to change the bulb and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad and fried chicken

Episcopalians: 3 - one to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks, and one to talk about how much better the old one was

Mormons: 5 - one man to change the bulb and four wives to tell him how to do it

Methodists: Undetermined - whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Bring a bulb of your choice to the Sunday lighting service and a covered dish to pass.

Nazarenes: 6 - one woman to replace the bulb while five men review the church lighting policy

Amish: what's a light bulb?

Presbyterian: Change! We don't do that!

(adapted from <https://www.beliefnet.com/entertainment/jokes/christian/h/how-many-christians-does-it-take-to-change-a-light-bulb.aspx>)

Change is upon us. In our congregation (Pastor Claire has retired, what now?), in our presbytery (we are getting ready to call a new Presbytery Leader), in our denomination (a New Book of Order is due in July and our Chief Ecclesial Officer is stepping down).



Help us Celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 14th.
We will have a special recognition of Mothers in the 10 am Worship Service.

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How will we deal with change? When God's people were enslaved in Israel, and they experienced change, freedom from slavery, they murmured, complained, and longed for what they knew. When God's people lost their temple, they lamented and retold stories of how great it was, exaggerating what actually was. When God's people were in exile, they cried out to God and longed for what they knew.

Over the last 6 years we at MagPres have dealt with significant change, including: a co-pastor model, which we hadn't had since 1992; a building that was destroyed by fire; worshipping in our historic worship space; Rooted; worshipping online because it wasn't possible to meet in-person safely.

Throughout this time, we were led by God into a new way being. Not only have we survived, but in many ways, we have thrived (how many of you could use Zoom before?).

Transitions are difficult. Change is hard. But just as God has been with God's people throughout change in the past, God continues to be with us now. Jesus' final words as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew says, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Praise be to God for God's presence with us as we venture once again into an unknown future.

Your experiencing change CoPastor,
Paul

PS - Our Session is actively meeting to discern what type of leadership model God is calling MagPres to pursue (Co-Pastor, 2-Pastor, 1-Pastor, etc.). Please pray for the Session as they discern.

Sunday, May 14th We will recognize the gifts of our Mothers during the 10am Worship Service. Bring your Moms, Grandmas, & any other special Moms in your life & show your love.



THE OFFICE OF DEACON/DEACONESS

DEACONS' CORNER

"Deacon" roughly translates to "servant." The first appearance in the Bible of what we know as the chosen servants to the Christian community were not originally called deacons. As recorded in the New Testament book, Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 6), the first recognized deacons were known as "The Seven." These were seven men chosen by the 12 Apostles to serve those in the community. Their responsibility was to take care of some of the daily needs of the Church community. This allowed the Apostles to focus on prayer and teaching of the Word. The chosen men were Stephen (the first martyr of Christianity), Philip (the Evangelist), Prochorus (one of the seventy-two sent out by Jesus in Luke 10), Nicanor (martyred), Timon (believed to have been martyred in Greece), Parmenas (Tradition says he preached in what is today western Türkiye), and Nicolas from Antioch.

The Bible also cites the contribution of deaconesses. In Romans 16:1, Phoebe is mentioned for her generosity to the Apostle Paul. Other women deacons mentioned in the New Testament include, Chloe (1 Corinthians 1), Nympha (Colossians 4), Apphia (Philemon 2), Euodia and Syntyche (Philippians 4), Junia (Romans 16), and the husband-and-wife team of Priscilla and Aquila (Romans 16).

Here at Magnolia Presbyterian Church, there is a Deacon Board with 15 deacon positions. Each deacon is assigned to a flock of congregants. Your current Deacon Board consists of 13 deacons dedicated to care for the congregation and assisting the elders and pastors. These individuals include

Anna Brandenburger (Co-Moderator) Flock# 9	Laurie Mordue, Flock# 4	Carla Carrasco, Flock# 8
Judy O'Bier (Co-Moderator), Flock# 10	Lance Mordue, Flock# 5	Bill Bingham, Flock# 11
Brenda Wynsma, Flock# 1	Tammy Duncan, Flock# 6	Barbara Johnson, Flock# 14
Holly Goulet-Perez, Flock# 2	Beth Zarecki, Flock# 7	Claudia King, Flock# 15
Rosie Quinones, Flock# 3		

If you do not know to which flock you belong, you can find this information in the Church Directory along with their contact information. You can access the information in the online Instant Church Directory which can be downloaded from the Apple Store or the Google Play to your smart phone, tablet, or other compatible digital device.

--Bill Bingham, Deacon



YOU ARE INVITED TO KARAOKE FUNDRAISER

Come show your support for *Family Promise of Riverside* in an effort to help homeless families in Riverside.

Have you always wanted to be a performer? Show us what you've got by singing the night away!

- Silent Auctions
- Drinks

Tickets \$45 (Limited Space)
<https://tinyurl.com/539vtjff>

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH
5:30PM - 8:30PM



BACK TO THE GRIND - DOWNSTAIRS
3575 UNIVERSITY AVE, RIVERSIDE

We need singers AND enthusiastic audience members!
Purchase your tickets at: <https://tinyurl.com/539vtjff>
Your ticket includes one free drink.
Bid on a variety of exciting Silent Auction items.
Don't miss out on the FUNdraising event of the Spring!

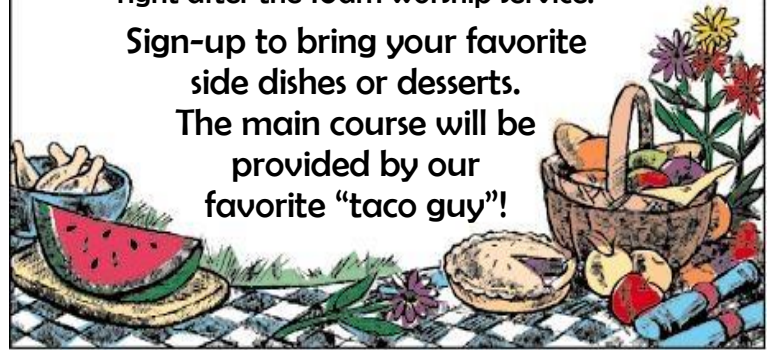
All Church Picnic!

Sunday, May 28th

right after the 10am worship service.

Sign-up to bring your favorite side dishes or desserts.

The main course will be provided by our favorite "taco guy"!



CALLING ALL SMILERS!

If you can be here before worship, and know how to smile, then you have what it takes to be an usher!

Ushers greet people, help them find an open seat, and collect the offering during worship services.

Interested in giving it a try?

Contact Anna Brandenberger, Lead Usher,
at brandenberger@sbcglobal.net

BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN
CONFERENCE CENTER

Summer Camp

Week 1
July 2nd - 8th: 4 - 5th Grade
Week 2
July 9th - 15th: 6 - 8th Grade
Both Weeks
LEAD 9 - 12th Grade



Find us at
bigbearlakechristianconferencecenter.com

May 2023

MAG PRES YOUTH

Sunday nights
from 6-8 p.m.

Both Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8)
and High Schoolers (9-12) welcome.

Meet us in the youth room (enter off Potomac St, through the gate on the left, and use the first door).

Join us for dinner on May 7th (Fellowship Hall)
Meeting on May 21st

No meeting on May 14th & 28th

← and don't miss out on Summer Camp

Join us for Café Magnolia
Coffee & Fellowship on
May 7th and May 14th
after the 10am Service.

COFFEE HOUR



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



The sun has set on Pastor Claire's ministry at Magnolia as her call of Co-Pastor was dissolved on April 23rd, and her last sermon preached on April 30th.

What is on the horizon from your Session?

Session met informally at a workshop (April 23) to discuss the 7 questions brought to them by Presbytery (see April's Session Highlights page), and will meet again on May 10 with a representative from Presbytery's Healthy Pastors and Congregations Commission.

The next step in Session's process is the decision on the pastoral model for Magnolia.

As always, should you have any questions, please ask any Elder: Linda Bingham, Candice Bowman, Eric Brandenberger, Kayla Crossen, Heather Dickenson, Melissa Holden, David King, Ann Lauder milk, Laurie Ludwig, Jeanette Prescott, John Reinhardt, Jaeson Robinson.

*"From the rising of the sun, to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3*

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

WHERE YOU CAN HELP...

You are welcome to attend a *free*

Godly Play

Training seminar

May 19--20th at Lake Arrowhead

Community Presbyterian Church

More info: contact Heather Dickenson

at hdickenson61@gmail.com

Godly Play: where childhood spirituality matters.

Visit www.godlyplayfoundation.org



If you grocery shop...

...you could be earning 5% of every purchase as a donation to our MagPres Capital Campaign.

Purchase Stater Bros. gift cards at church after the Worship Service in denominations of \$50 or \$100. See John Reinhardt for more information.



Cash or Check only please!



HELP NEEDED FOR GUEST CHEF

Would you like to be a team lead or help cook and serve a meal at the City of Riverside Emergency Shelter Cabin Village at Hulen Place? The commitment would be three times a year for a team of four to prepare, bring, and serve a meal at Hulen Place. If interested please contact Barbara Johnson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Church Family, The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School. It can be for one week at a time or more. Individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18--all are welcome. Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Heather Dickenson, at hdickenson61@gmail.com or the church office.

HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities.

ONLINE: Visit our website at www.magpres.com/give **MOBILE:** Text "magpres" to 77977

MOBILE: Download our church app through Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"

U.S. MAIL: Send check via US Mail to our address at 7200 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504

May 2023 Prayer Calendar

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 John Swearingen	2 Cherylyn & Thomas Thornton	3 Alyssa Timoschuk	4 Chuck & Delores Tobin	5 Chris Tolleson	6 Phyllis Townsend
7 Pastors, Staff, Deacons, Elders, Session, Musicians, & Choir	8 Alma Vierich	9 James & Susan Walters	10 Alene Ward	11 Ray & Loretta Ward	12 Margie Watson	13 John Wayne
14 Family Promise of Riverside	15 Linda Welman	16 Bev & King Williams	17 Kit & Dee Wilson	18 John & Cynthia Wright	19 Brenda & Lucas Wynsma	20 Carol Young
21 Boy Scouts of America	22 John & Beth Zarecki	23 Kayla & Krista Zwart	24 Gail Zwart & Dan Skipper	25 Lance & JoAnn Alford	26 Rick & Collee Allert	27 Janelle & Jeremy Anderson, Adrian Belangeri, & Joseph Contreras
28 Buildings & Grounds Committee & Capital Campaign Committee	29 Ken Anderson	30 Wayne & Kristina Andrew	31 Ruth Baker			



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



May Birthdays

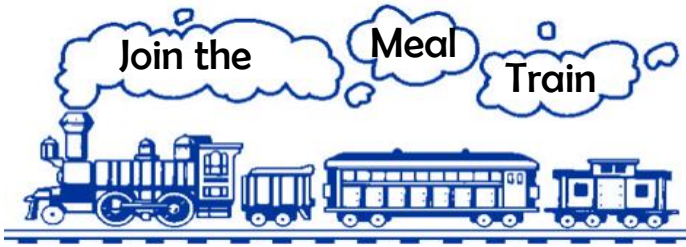
David King	1st	Janet Field	13th	Judy O'Bier	21st
Marge Ludwig	1st	Cole Gettis	14th	Sharon Reinhardt	22nd
JoAnn Alford	2nd	Mark Brooks	15th	Anderson Duncan	25th
Loretta Ward	2nd	Caitlin Keovillay	17th	Marshall Lee	29th
Melissa Holden	2nd	Krista Zwart	17th	Brenda Wynsma	30th
Dorothy McLaughlin-Sachs	10th	Konrad Reidman	18th	Neil Cohen	31st
Tessa Islas-Paredes	11th	Donna Crossen	19th		

May Anniversaries

Claudia & David King	5th	Dave & Sandy Richards	25th	David & Margy Crowley	30th
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>MagPres Events Calendar</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,</p>	<p>9:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>		<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>  <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>10am - Communion 10am - Deacon Door 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,</p>	<p>9:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte</p>	<p>6pm - Session Workshop</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal</p>
<p>10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's </p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,</p>	<p>9:30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>9am Session Mat's Due</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
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<p>Picnic (Time TBA) 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's </p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, </p>	<p>9:30am - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31</p>			

REACHING OUT...



Family Promise of Riverside: We have the opportunity to provide FPR's guest families with meals and fellowship. If you can provide a meal, please sign-up at the link below...Help them fill May's calendar! *Consider dining with the families too!* Homemade, DoorDash, or Donation options at <http://mealtrain.com/z3o1ly>

Power Ministries and Casa Esperanza



Some of our activities at the orphanage

Casa Esperanza is an Orphanage in Mexico that takes in all kinds of children, even those with disabilities. Many places down there won't bother with kids with disabilities as there simply isn't enough resources, money, people and time to help those with special needs and also those without special needs. But this place takes them all. A couple of years ago their landlord passed away and his wife decided to raise their rent by an additional \$1000 per month. They could not afford such an increase so they relocated to an area a few miles away, on the outskirts of the town. The land had some existing buildings on it, but looters had stripped all of the plumbing and wiring out of the place for salvage so there was a lot of work that needed done to make it suitable for kids and caretakers to stay there.



Some of our activities at the orphanage



With a lot of help, work and expense, the buildings are now at least livable, and a good safe place for the kids to attend school, play and learn about Jesus. The caretakers are a loving couple that have given their lives to helping these thrown away kids. In 2022, when Power Ministry was here helping, we built a couple of additional buildings, an apartment for a couple of the adult counselors, a storage facility and helped fix some roofs on the existing buildings. At that time they had about 75 kids here.

In this picture we see a blind child being taught to walk. He was abandoned by his family as they did not have the resources to care for a child with so many needs.

John W. Wright

Mission is contributing to this organization within Power Ministries. If you feel called to help, please mark your checks Magnolia Presbyterian Church and in the memo write orphanage.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th. Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension-when Jesus ascends into heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If the mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways.

These gifts of the Spirit are bestowed upon us to be used for the "building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Your Gifts at Work: 40% stays with our congregation, The rest to Presbyterian Mission Agency; 25% goes to guiding Youth Ministries, 25% serving communities young adult volunteers, and 10% Child Advocacy. Thank you for your support in this giving opportunity.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Every Monday at 9:30am in the Church Library...

The Women's Bible Study meets every Monday morning...Join us for a great discussion of the previous Sunday's scripture passages as well as prayer and fellowship. All women are welcome! Questions? See Laurie Mordue.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. In-person will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:20 a.m.

Those attending via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259 885 602 and the Password 7200 to join the fun. Sunday School includes Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and play time.

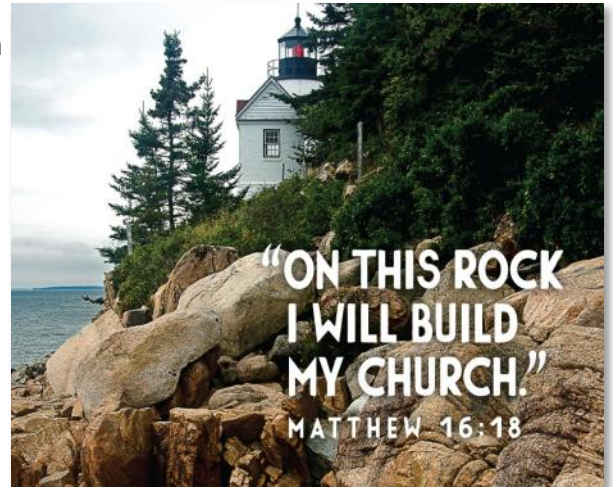
Our memory verse for May is Matthew 16:18

"I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock."

For more advanced Bible scholars, the full verse is:

"I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock.

The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it."



CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE

View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app. Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now."



Confirm your email address to sign in. Download the free mobile app at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create your log-in. Need help or have any questions? Please contact Pastor Paul (paul@magpres.com).



Calling all keys!

If you have a #20 key that you are not using... please return it to the Church Office or to Ann Laundermilk (our chief chatelaine).

Thank You!

Say It With Flowers!

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement to display in the Sanctuary to honor a special occasion or person, please email the Church at Office@MagPres.com to receive a Flower Request Form.

Arrangements are \$60 each*



*Butterflies Not Included

Treasurer's Report General Fund as of 3/31/2023



Balance Jan. 1, 2023	\$0.00
2023 Income	\$ 101,281.77
2023 Expense	\$ 104,782.62
Balance Jan 31, 2023	(\$ 3500.85)

*Session will meet again in June
Giving Info for 2023: Per Capita = \$40, Envelope Costs = \$5*

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



CHOIR REHEARSALS: Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir! Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Have Questions? Email John Wright at music@magpres.com

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library (main office building). Join us for a relaxing time to delve into the previous Sunday's Scripture, pray, and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th grade is offered in-person & via Zoom during our 10am worship service. In-person will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use this link:

Meeting ID: 259885602 Password: 7200

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE: You can participate in worship by going to magpres.com/watch or visiting our Facebook page (facebook.com/magpres). *Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)*

COMMUNION: First Sunday of every month, communion is served as a part of the worship service. For those worshipping via Zoom, feel free to gather your own "bread & cup" elements at home and join in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the whole congregation.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY: On every 2nd Sunday of the month, we bring 2 Cans or Boxes of food to be donated to Lutheran Social Services of Southern California to help feed hungry neighbors in our community. In April, we collected 48 food items. **Let's see if we can get up to 200 in May** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be **May 14th (Mother's Day)**.

DEACONS DOOR OFFERING: The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS DOOR OFFERING. This is a dedicated offering to help friends and family of MagPres members experiencing hardship. Your gift, large or small, is a gift of kindness.

STATER BROS. GIFT CARDS: Gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available to purchase in the church office. Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm. Whether you are buying as a gift or to do your weekly grocery shopping, the church receives 5% of every sale! How nice--give twice!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you. Instructions on downloading the app to our "Instant Church Directory" are on page 7 (great way to keep up with birthdays and anniversaries in our church family!)

As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know with an email to church@magpres.com

DAILY DEVOTIONAL: *Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer (on the Welcome Table) and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself and for a friend or stranger.

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

7200 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504-3829
Phone: 951-684-7200
Email: church@magpres.com
Website: www.magpres.com
Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday



Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff

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Office Manager

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Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright, *Choral Director*

Cynthia Wright, *Pianist*

Allison Robinson,
Nursery Attendant

Jeff Ludwig, *Treasurer*

[vacant] *Youth Leader*

The Courage that My Mother Had

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

The courage that my mother had
Went with her, and is with her still:
Rock from New England quarried;
Now granite in a granite hill.

The golden brooch my mother wore
She left behind for me to wear;
I have no thing I treasure more:
Yet, it is something I could spare.

Oh, if instead she'd left to me
The thing she took into the grave!--
That courage like a rock, which she
Has no more need of, and I have.