

**Blessed Be the Tie That Binds**  
**NCH #393**

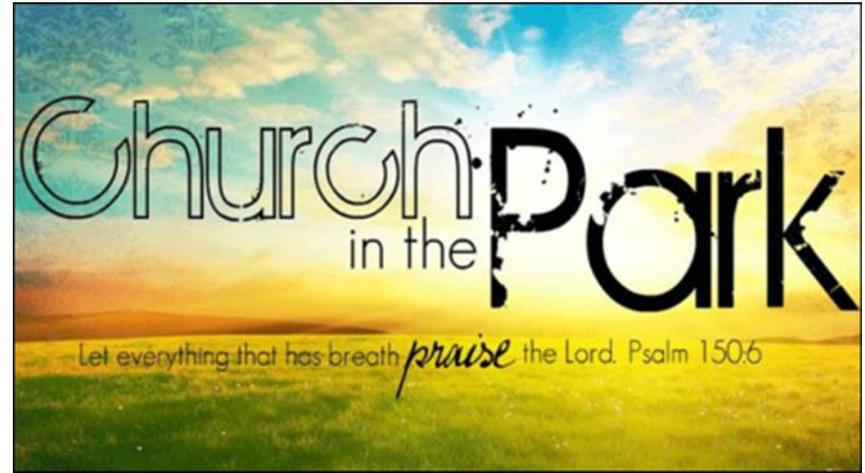
Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.

Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.

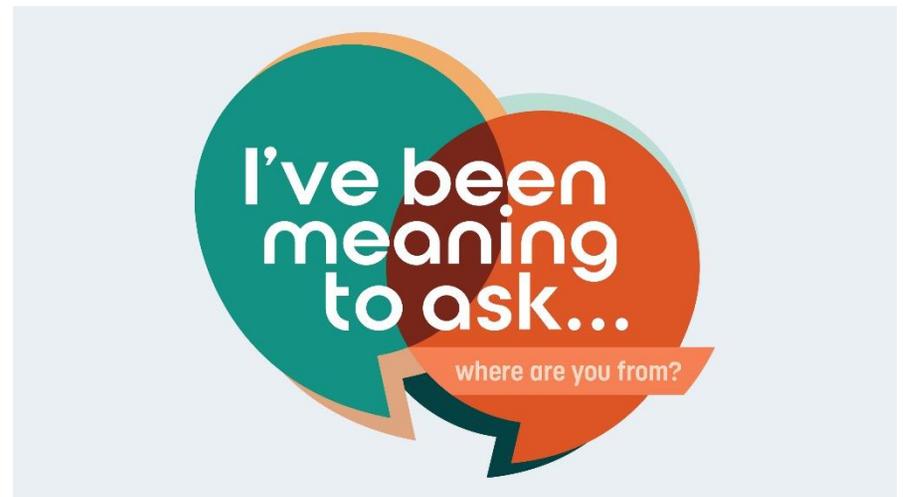
When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

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**For the Beauty of the Earth**  
**NCH 28**

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,

**Chorus**

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of  
light, (chorus)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts  
and mild, (chorus)

**Diverse in Culture, Nation, and Race**  
**Chalice Hymnal #485**

Diverse in culture, nation, race  
We come together by your grace.  
God, let us be a meeting ground  
Where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a bridge of care  
Connecting people ev'rywhere.  
Help us confront all fear and hate  
And lust for pow'r that separate.