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## Pastor's Column

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### Faith Is... (Part Six)

*About eight months ago, I asked Parishioners to share with me what faith meant to them. I received many responses. For the next few weeks, I will share with you what they shared with me.*

“To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don’t grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead you relax, and float.” —*Alan Watts*



“Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark.”

—*Rabindranath Tagore*

“Faith is not the knowledge of what the mystery of the Universe is, but the conviction that there is a mystery, and that it is greater than us.”

—*Rabbi David Wolpe*

“Faith is the energy to keep putting one foot in front of the other and helping you to do the best you can, one day at a time, when everything seems wrong, worthless, useless, and life has no meaning.

Because of faith you know that sooner or later, you will walk out of that nightmare, and life will have meaning again. And each time that you experience that nightmare, you become stronger and you become more patient, because you know that the nightmare will end, and you know, in your gut you really know, that the Light will once again reappear.” —*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*