

PEACHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

RICK WITT & DR. KENNETH VOS

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CHURCH COMMUNITY

9:30 A.M.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21ST, 2024

MICAH ON THE ESSENCE OF RELIGION



Act Justly
Love Mercy
and
Walk Humbly
with God

Micah 6:8

*"Whoever you are and wherever you are in life's journey,
you are welcome in this church."*

Important Announcement:

TODAY, April 21, there will be an important meeting in the social hall after coffee hour that we urge everyone to attend. This is an opportunity for the church as a whole to clarify who we are and what is needed as we proceed toward calling our next pastor.

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 28th -5th Sunday of Easter - Rev. Linda Simmons

After graduating from Harvard Divinity School, Rev. Linda Simmons became the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House on Nantucket for 10 years. She then moved to the Happy Valley with her husband Gary Langley, completed her Now works in Mental Health Counseling, and is now working as a psychotherapist in Amherst, MA.

May 5th----6th Sunday of Easter - Rev. Curtis Metzger, Littleton

May 12th --7th Sunday of Easter - Rev. Bob Potter, Mother's Day

May 19th --Pentecost - Rev. John Morris

May 26th --The Rev. John Morris

June 2nd --2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Abby Pollender

June 9th ---3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Folk/Gospel Service with folk singers Suzan Derby, Tim Berry

June 16th--4th Sunday after Pentecost - Susan Chandler

June 23rd--5th Sunday after Pentecost - The Rev. John Morris

June 30th--6th Sunday after Pentecost - Pride Sunday.
special service and celebration

Going Out Green

Today, Sunday April 21 at 4 PM

Peacham Congregational Church Social Hall

Learn about the emerging movement to change the way we do death in America. With so much in the news about 'green' options, including human composting, wet cremation, forest ash scattering, and green burial, it's not easy to parse the truth. In this informative and provocative presentation, we'll discuss the principles of sustainable after-death options, reveal some of the hidden environmental costs and benefits of 'boutique' disposition methods and products, and learn what we can do to plan for a truly planet-friendly ending that is affordable and meaningful for all.

Your guide to this presentation and discussion is Lee Webster, a nationally recognized public speaker on funeral reform and director of New Hampshire Funeral Resources & Education.

Welcome

Prelude: *Im April (In April)*

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Call to Worship: Reading: *In Jesus' "Parable of the Judgment"* by John Shelby Spong

*Hymn #358 — *When Jesus Came Preaching the Way of Our God*

Concerns & Celebrations

Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Congregation Responds – Hymn #291 — *Amen*

Anthem: *Rain Down*

Jaime Cortez

Collection & Monthly Mission: Heifer International & The Danville Food Shelf

*Doxology: #46 — Praise God From Whom (inclusive language)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Unison Prayer of Dedication

There are many ways we can offer our thanks for the gifts we receive. We choose to show our gratitude, for when we are lost, God returns us to the fold, and when we have given up all hope, we are redeemed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #504 — *God of Justice, God of Mercy*

Vs. 1-3

Scripture Reading: *Micah 6:8*

Sermon: *Micah on the Essence of Religion*

Ken Vos

Piano Meditation

*Hymn #504 — *God of Justice, God of Mercy*

Vs. 4 & 5

Benediction:

Congregation Responds #282: *Thou Wilt Keep Us In Perfect Peace*

Postlude: *Variatio Due, a Un Clavier, from "Goldberg Variations"*

J.S. Bach

*if possible, please stand

MINISTRY

Until we find a pastor or an interim pastor, the deacons will handle all services. Patty Gardner, the head deacon, can be reached at 413-883-2842.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Until our steeple light is repaired, please be mindful of all those needing our support, prayers, and love during these days of Eastertide.
- Please join us for coffee, a bite to eat, and community sharing after today's service.

REMINDER: Please send Timm any announcements you would like posted by the Thursday before the next service. peachamchurchevents@gmail.com

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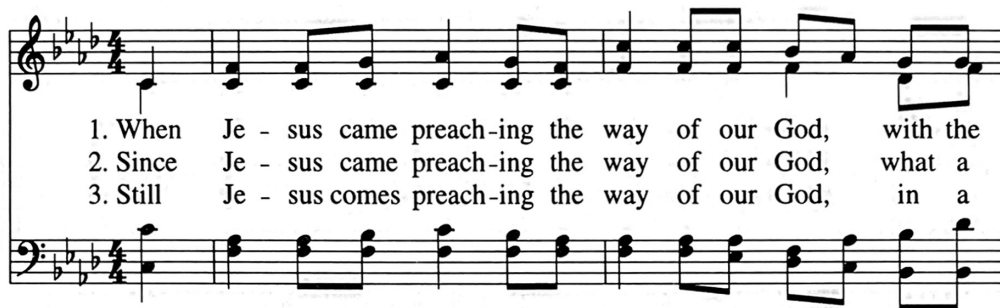
Spong, John Shelby, Unbelievable - Harper One, 2018

PEACHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

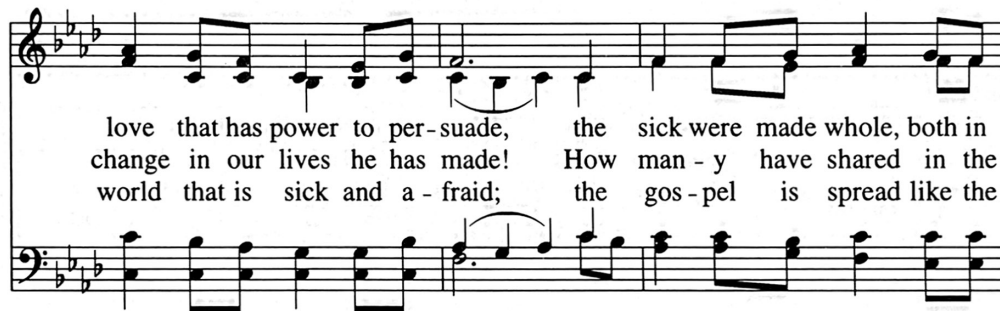
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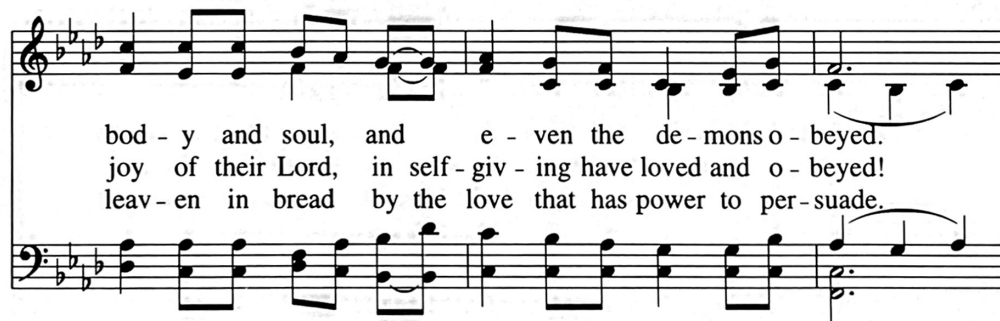
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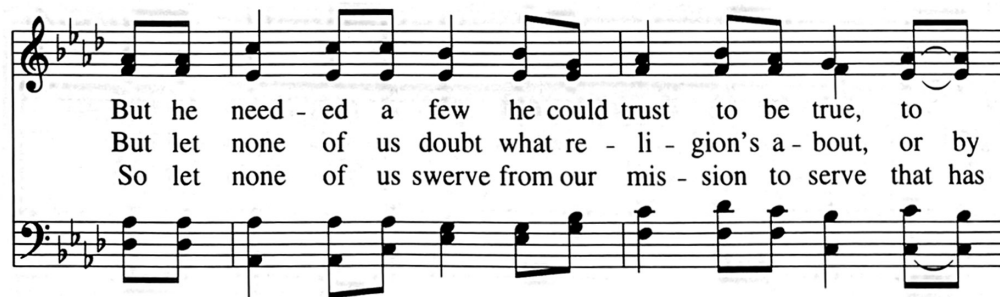
1. When Je - sus came preach-ing the way of our God, with the
2. Since Je - sus came preach-ing the way of our God, what a
3. Still Je - sus comes preach-ing the way of our God, in a



love that has power to per-suade, the sick were made whole, both in
change in our lives he has made! How man - y have shared in the
world that is sick and a - fraid; the gos - pel is spread like the



bod - y and soul, and e - ven the de - mons o - beyed.
joy of their Lord, in self - giv - ing have loved and o - beyed!
leav - en in bread by the love that has power to per - suade.



But he need - ed a few he could trust to be true, to
But let none of us doubt what re - li - gion's a - bout, or by
So let none of us swerve from our mis - sion to serve that has

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1969


MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. FCC, 1997

SAMANTHRA



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share in the work from the start: when Je - sus came preach - ing the
 what it is shamed and be - trayed: do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk
 made us his church from the start; may Je - sus, the light of the



way of our God, the glad gift to the hum - ble of heart.
 hum - bly with God, is the rule Je - sus free - ly o - beyed.
 world, send us out in the strength of the hum - ble of heart.




1. God of jus - tice, God of mer - cy, make us mer - ci - ful and just!
 2. How can we, as peo - ple cho - sen by your grace for serv - ice here—
 3. You have formed us, God of rain - bows, in your im - age for your will.
 4. Grant all peo - ple work with mean - ing, strength to care for those they love.
 5. So the vi - sion you have plant - ed in each hu - man mind and heart

Help us see all your cre - a - tion as from you a sa - cred trust.
 how en - dure an - oth - er's hard - ship with - out of - fer - ing hope or cheer?
 See - ing our di - verse re - flec - tions, trust - ing you, we mar - vel still;
 Food for ta - ble, truth for tell - ing, chal - leng - es to rise a - bove.
 now be - comes the spark of ac - tion call - ing us to do our part.

And when peo - ple cry in an - guish for their own or oth - ers' pain,
 God, for - give us, we be - seech you, when our love fails to em - power.
 for our col - ors, strengths and tal - ents show what one a - lone would lack,
 But re - mind us, God of jus - tice, this is now our work, our call!
 Keep that vi - sion clear be - fore us: men and wom - en, girls and boys,

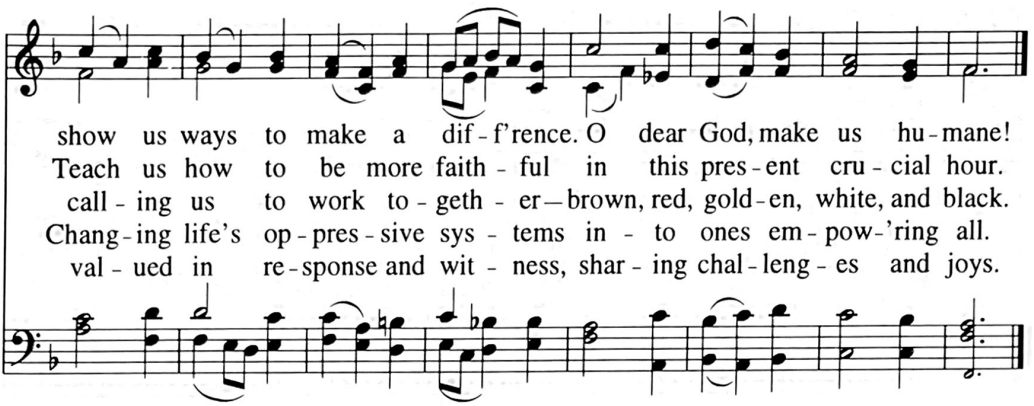


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MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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show us ways to make a dif-f'rence. O dear God, make us hu-mane!
Teach us how to be more faith-ful in this pres-ent cru-cial hour.
call-ing us to work to-geth-er—brown, red, gold-en, white, and black.
Chang-ing life's op-pres-sive sys-tems in-to ones em-pow-'ring all.
val-ued in re-sponse and wit-ness, shar-ing chal-leng-es and joys.