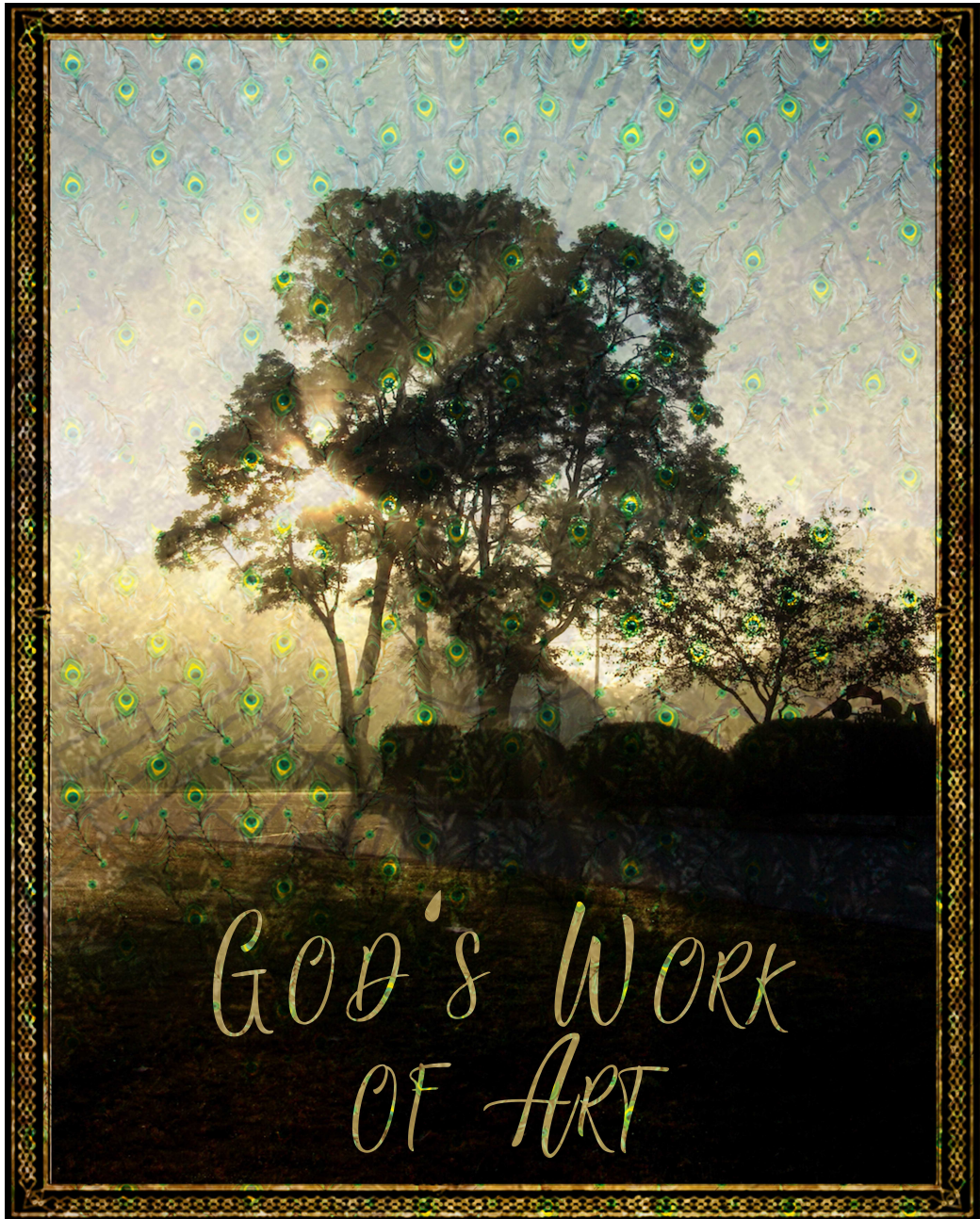


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There is nothing sweeter in the world of existence than prayer. [Humanity] must live in a state of prayer. The most blessed condition is the condition of prayer and supplication. Prayer is conversation with God. The greater attainment or the sweetest state is none other than conversation with God. It creates spirituality, creates mindfulness, and celestial feelings, begets new attractions of the Kingdom and engenders susceptibilities of the higher intelligence.
– ‘Abdu’l Bahá

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16TH, 2021

WELCOME, GRATITUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS*" – J. PACHELBEL (1653-1706)

UNISON OPENING PRAYER (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 47)

People everywhere – clap your hands! Shout to God with a joyful voice! For YHWH Most High is awe-inspiring, the great Ruler over the whole earth. God sits on the throne of holiness. World leaders are gathered, and so are the people of Sarah and Abraham’s God, for YHWH is exalted above all. Sing praise to God, sing praise! Sing praise to our Ruler, sing praise! For God rules over all the earth – sing praise and understand Amen.

OPENING HYMN #172 – *HARK! TEN THOUSAND HARPS AND VOICES*, vv1-3

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR/AN INTERFAITH MOMENT

Bahá’í 101: Service, Prayer, and Celebration

ANTHEM: TBA

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

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& LORD’S PRAYER)



HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD #585

Psa. 143:1

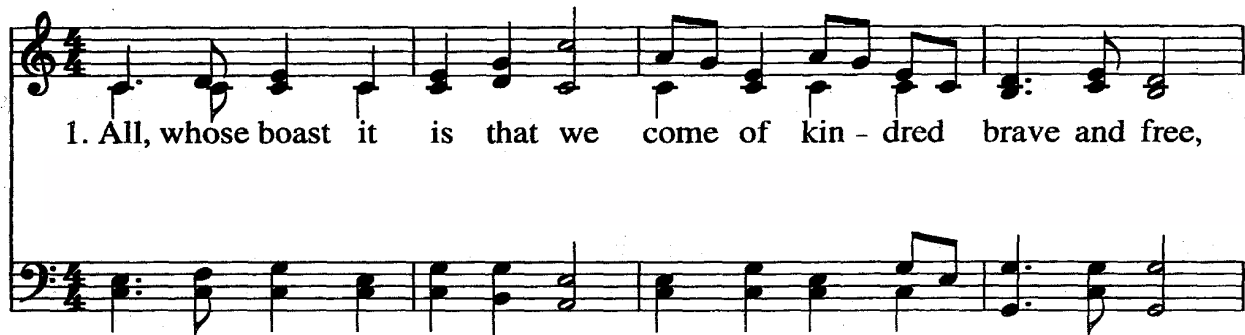
George Whelpton, 1897

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
In - cline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. A - men.

RESPONSIVE PSALM (*PSALM 1, INCLUSIVE BIBLE TRANSLATION*)

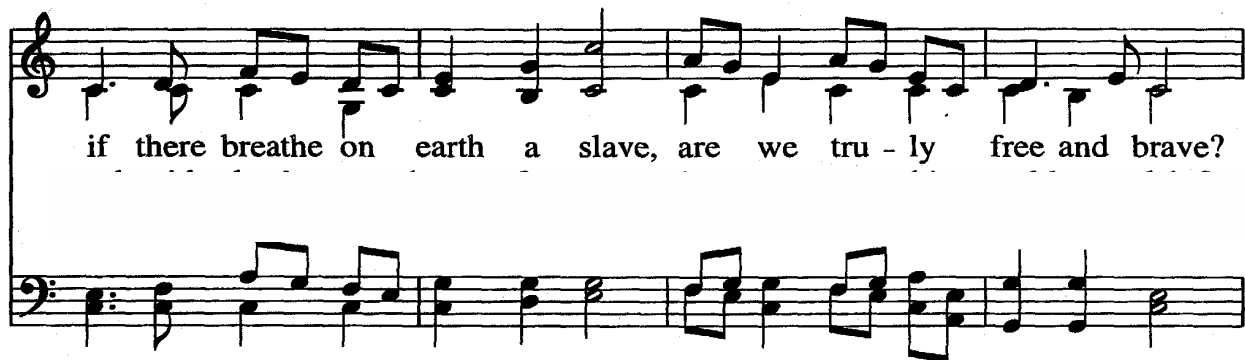
- L:** Happiness comes to those who reject the path of violence, who refuse to associate with criminals or even sit with people who belittle others.
- P:** Happiness comes to those who delight in the Law of YHWH and meditate on it day and night.
- L:** They're like trees planted by flowing water - they bear fruit in every season, and their leaves never wither: everything they do will prosper.
- P:** But not the wrongdoers! They're like chaff that the wind blows away.
- L:** They won't have a taproot to anchor them when judgment comes, now will corrupt individuals be given a place at the Gathering of the Just.
- All:** YHWH watches over the steps of those who do justice; but those on a path of violence and injustice will find themselves irretrievably lost.

CHORAL RESPONSE: *ALL WHOSE BOAST IT IS*



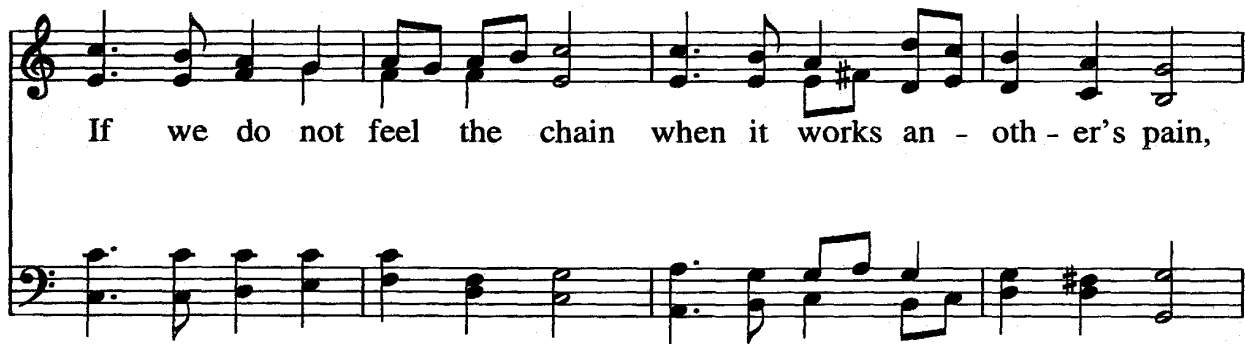
1. All, whose boast it is that we come of kin - dred brave and free,

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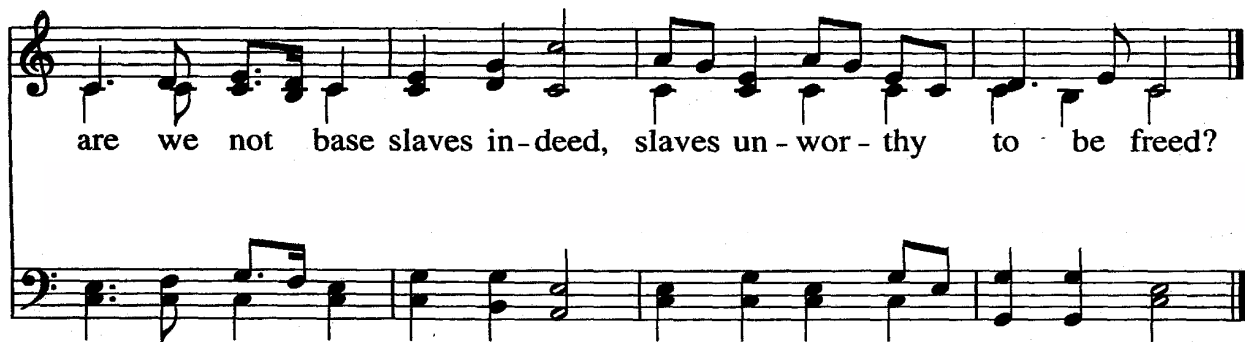
if there breathe on earth a slave, are we tru - ly free and brave?

The second system continues the musical piece. The treble staff melody flows into the next line, and the bass staff accompaniment remains consistent. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.



If we do not feel the chain when it works an - oth - er's pain,

The third system of the score. The treble staff features a melodic line with some chromatic movement, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.



are we not base slaves in-deed, slaves un - wor - thy to be freed?

The final system of the score on this page. The treble staff concludes with a final note, and the bass staff ends with a sustained chord. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

OFFERINGS, TITHES AND MISSIONS

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Church and our missions during these trying times.

Our mission for the months of May and June is:

Missionary Society of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Please mail checks for your tithes and offerings for the support of the church or your donations for **Missionary Society of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.**

**Peacham Congregational Church, PO Box 205, Peacham, VT 05862,
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You may also donate to the church or our missions through our website, where you will also be able to designate the purpose of your donation.

We are grateful for your support.

We also continue our support of the Danville Food Shelf. The donations basket is downstairs in the kitchen.

For more info on Missions, see Jonathan Potter

UNION PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever.

Through Jesus the Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

HYMN #85 — CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, vv. 1, 3, 4 (NEXT PAGE)

SCRIPTURE — GOSPEL OF JOHN 17:6-10, 14-21A & EPHESIANS 1:15-23

SERMON: GOD'S WORK OF ART AND RADICAL HOSPITALITY

HYMN #173 — HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE, vv. 1-3

UNISON BENEDICTION (RAY SIMPSON, ADAPTED)

Each of us has some work to do.

May we do our work as to you, Christ.

May we think our thoughts as to you;

clean our rooms as to you;

send messages as to you.

shop and eat as to you, Christ.

May we care for others as to you. Amen.

BENEDICTION HYMN #42 – GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

William G. Tomer, 1880

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; By His coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

POSTLUDE: ADORATION" – FLORENCE B. PRICE (1887-1953)

Price was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher, noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

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Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices 172

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain . . . Rev. 5:12

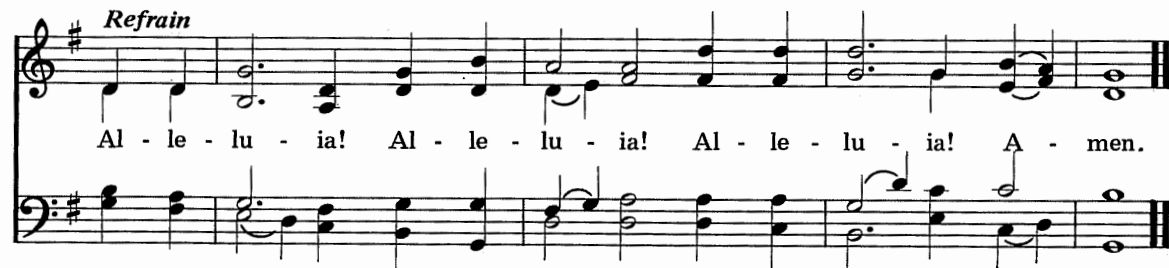
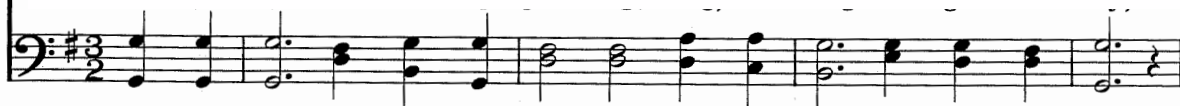
HARWELL 8 7 8 7 7 7 Alleluias

Thomas Kelly, 1806

Lowell Mason, 1840



1. Hark! ten thou-sand harps and voic - es Sound the note of praise a - bove;
2. Sing how Je - sus came from heav - en, How He bore the cross be - low,
3. Je - sus, hail! Thy glo - ry bright-ens All a - bove and gives it worth;



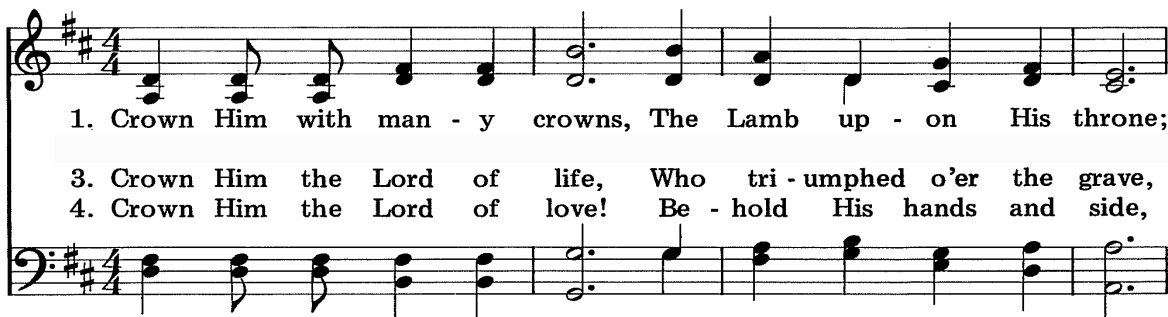
85 Crown Him with Many Crowns

... And on His head were many crowns ... Rev. 19:12

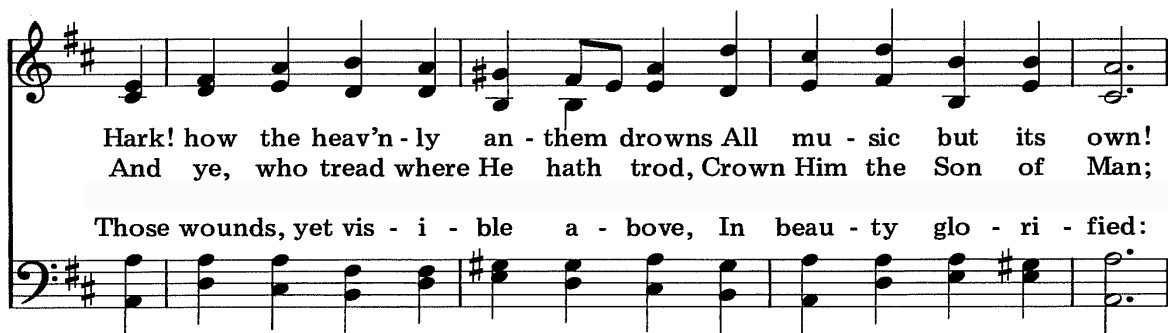
Matthew Bridges, 1851, and
Godfrey Thring, 1874

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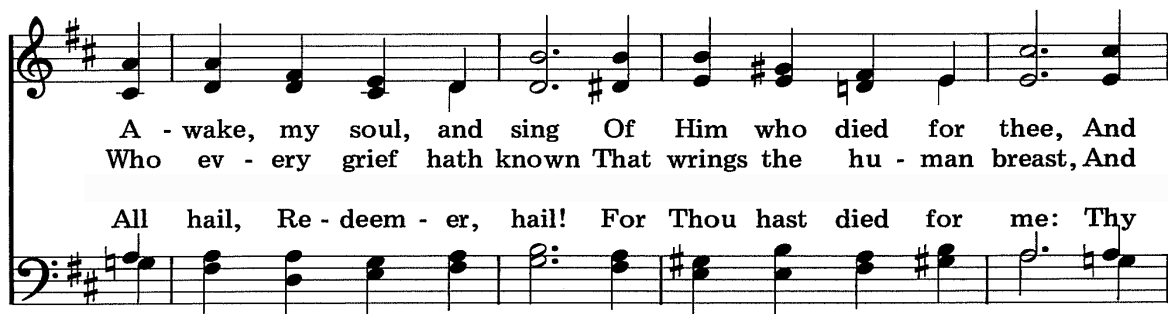
George J. Elvey, 1868



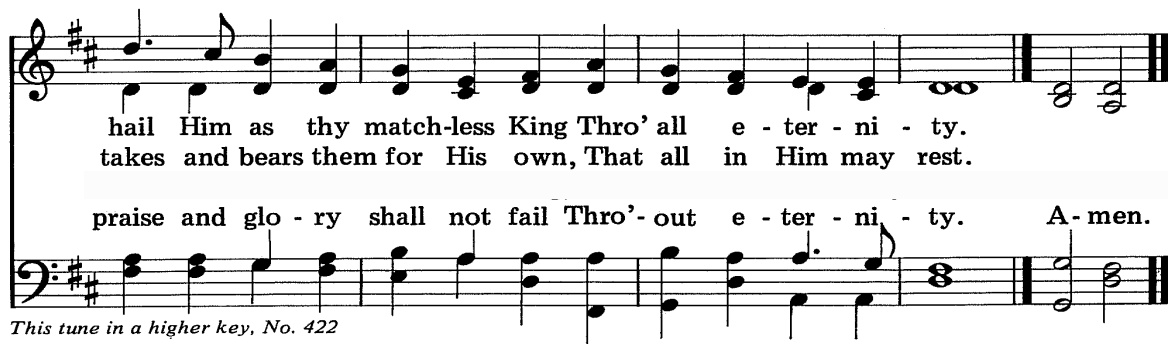
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side,



Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
And ye, who tread where He hath trod, Crown Him the Son of Man;
Those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Who ev - ery grief hath known That wrings the hu - man breast, And
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy



hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
takes and bears them for His own, That all in Him may rest.
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro'-out e - ter - ni - ty. A-men.

173 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Lift up your heads, O ye gates . . . and the King of glory shall come in. Psa. 24:7

LLANFAIR 7 7 7 7 Alleluias

Welsh hymn melody

Arr. by John Roberts, 1837

Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There for Him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See, He lifts His hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, He shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 He hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

En - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Bless - ings on His church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

A - men.

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Except in case of emergency, please schedule meetings and visits during office hours. In the event Rev. Sonia is on a Zoom call or in a confidential meeting, she will place a “Do Not Disturb” sign on the door into the sanctuary.

Thank you for your understanding.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our steeple is lit by Rev. Sonia in memory of Wayne Dunbar, whose birthday would have been 5/13, and Bruce Baker, whose birthday would have been 5/17. .
- Thank you to our Covid-19 Worship Team including Lynne and Barry Lawson who are serving as our lay liturgists today.
- Thank you to all who helped out with our latest Food Drive yesterday.
- Meetings this week: Tues. @ 11:00 – weekly development meeting w/ Mel Reis; Weds. @ 3:30 – Deacons; Thurs. @ 10:00 to noon – Rev. Sonia will be at the Peacham Historical Assoc. Archives; Sat. @ TBA – Bread Oven work session.
- If you are able to serve as a church docent tour guide one Sunday afternoon between June 20 and August 15 for Sundays in Peacham, please sign up as soon as possible on the list in the kitchen. Tours will run between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. Each guide will receive training on how to conduct the tour and a script with talking points for each station on the tour.
- Friday, 5/21 is United Nations World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development - <https://www.un.org/en/observances/cultural-diversity-day>. The pandemic has significantly impacted cultural institutions around the world. Check the UN link, above, to learn about this impact and how you can help.
- We welcome all to join us immediately after service for our Virtual Coffee Hour. You will find the link on our website.
- To all interested Peacham Folks:— The Pane family is planning a private service for Peter at the cemetery and a small reception in the social hall of the Peacham Congregational Church on Thursday, May 27 at noon. We are

adhering to current COVID protocol and the church and family request that all attendees be fully vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. If you have any questions, or are planning to attend the reception please call Patty at 592.3022. Thank you.

- The new mission for May-June is the **Missionary Society of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches**, of which our church is a member. The NACCC supports domestic and international missions recommended by member churches, such as the Maine Seacoast Mission which provides family, health and educational support to remote island communities in Downeast Maine, and the Mission School of Hope in eastern Cameroon, providing the Baka (Pygmy) tribe with education for children, health care and community agricultural training.

