

Peacham Congregational Church

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“Transfiguration” block print by Cara B. Hochhalter (2019) (1)

Interim Pastor, Nicole Klosterman

We are an Open and Affirming Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

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Order of Worship February 15, 2026

Centering Thought

"I've learned that waiting is the most difficult bit, and I want to get used to the feeling, knowing that you're with me, even when you're not by my side." —
Paulo Coelho

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "In festo transfigurationis Domini nostri Jesu Christi" Franz Liszt (1880)

Responsive Call to Worship (2)

One: Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

Many: We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what you will say.

One: In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I write my words upon you heart that you may teach them.

Many: We offer our hearts to receive your words, and what we learn, we'll teach others.

One: Heaven is open above you and the kin-dom is within you.

Many: Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.

Opening Hymn #439: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Unison Invocation

God, you invited Moses to come up the mountain to receive from you. We invite you to come among us and receive from us. May we become more whole as we wait in confident expectation of the deepening of the love that is shared between us. Amen.

Opening Reflection: "Transfiguration" A sonnet by Malcolm Guite

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Jesus Christ be with all of you.

All: And also, with You

One: Now share in a sign of peace with one another.

Joys and Concerns followed by Time of Silence

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Response

***Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer O God.
Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace. Amen.***

Anthem: "Kyrie" John Leavitt

Offering & Mission

Doxology #50: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen***

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Patient One, receive these gifts that we could hardly wait to give you. May they be used to meet the needs of those who have been waiting for relief.

Hymn #229: "Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness"

Scripture: Exodus 24: 12-18; Matthew 17: 1-9

Message: Mystery on the Mountain

Closing Hymn #95: "Be Still, My Soul"

Unison Benediction ⁽³⁾

Ancient of Days, as we exit this holy pause, remind us of your words that are written on our hearts and that you placed them there for us to be able to share them with others. May we be as patient about their reception of these words as you have been and are with us. Amen.

Response #345: "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" (vs. 1)

Postlude: "My Funny Valentine" Hart & Rodgers (1937)

(1) Cara B. Hochhalter, Transfiguration. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59015>

(2) Today's worship adapted from Wait: Service Prayers for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany, written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, who serves as The Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa.

Announcements February 15, 2026

The next quarterly Council meeting will be held after the service on February 22, 2026.

The Annual Meeting will be held after the service on March 8, 2026.

On the third Sunday of each month, coffee hour is an opportunity to share updates and answer questions about what's happening at the Church. Our next conversation will take place today, Sunday, February 15, and will include an update on the Children's Center. If you're unable to attend, questions or comments may be shared at peachammeetinghouse.org/contact.

Our 1st quarter mission is Hunger Free Vermont, a statewide organization dedicated to ending hunger and malnutrition for all Vermonters. The organization lobbies policymakers; expands school meals programs; engages local communities in addressing food insecurity among their neighbors; and trains and educates people about food insecurity and how to spot it and help. If you would like to donate, please indicate so on your check in the memo line.

The Danville Open Door Food Shelf is asking for the following weekly rotation of donations:

- 1st Sunday - Bread
- 2nd Sunday - Butter
- 3rd Sunday - Cheese (8oz. blocks)
- 4th Sunday - Eggs
- [5th Sunday - Cheese]

The "Faithful Response during Troubled Times" scripture study and discussion group will run Thursday, Feb. 5 - March 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be no meeting on Feb. 26. Food will not be provided, but anyone who would like to bring a snack to share is invited to do so. Please do not arrive earlier than 5:15 p.m.

Upcoming Schedule:

- Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday (no service)
- Feb. 22 - Nicole Klosterman

Information about Peacham Congregational Church

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us online at peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday

Interim Pastor.....Nicole Klosterman, (802) 227-4956

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Please contact Nicole to schedule a visit or call

Mon: availability varies Tues: 11 am - 2:30 pm

Thurs: availability varies Fri: 9-11 am

Schedule a pastoral care visit with Nicole by visiting:

calendly.com/peachamchurchpastor/30min

Email peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com for general inquiries

Church Admin.....Patty Gardner

Treasurer.....Bruce Westcott

Collector.....Ann Goss

AccompanistBruce Westcott

Sexton.....Jeff Lane

Web Ministry.....Jonathan R. Potter

Church Council President & ModeratorJohn Marshall

Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy,

Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Fine

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

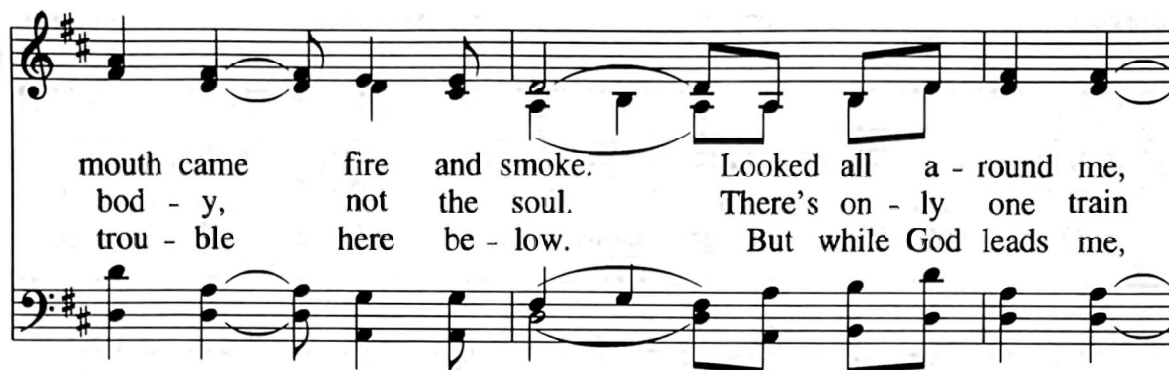
1. Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's
 2. O Jor - dan riv - er is chil - ly and cold, it chills the
 3. O I have heart - ache and I have woe, and I have

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; harm. FCC, 1997

PENTECOST
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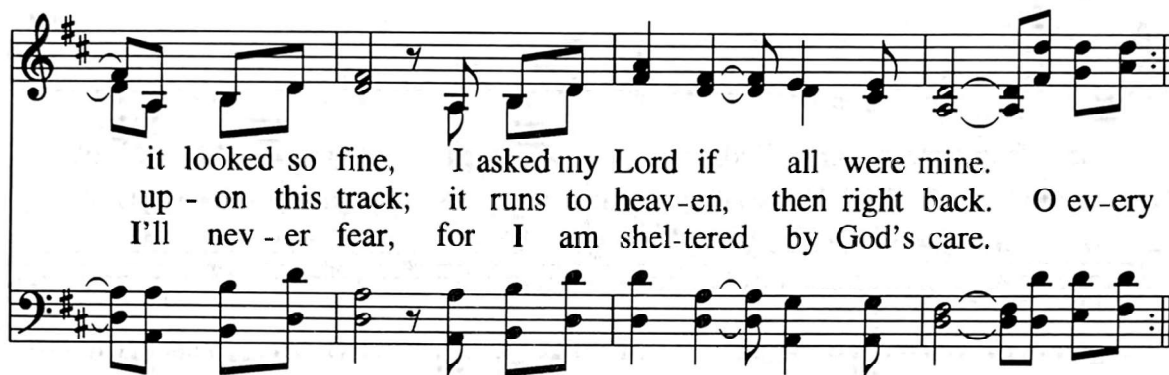
African-American worship involves the total person - body and soul -
 in devotion to the God whose power and emotion are tangible.

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mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me,
 bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly one train
 trou - ble here be - low. But while God leads me,

to Refrain



it looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all were mine.
 up - on this track; it runs to heav-en, then right back. O ev-ery
 I'll nev - er fear, for I am shel-tered by God's care.

WE PRAY FOR

All those whose speech betrays them into misunderstanding
 All those who have wrapped themselves in a cloak of humiliation
 All those who struggle vainly for attention
 All those who shrink with fear at another's touch
 All those whose faces we forget from one meeting to the next
 All those whose outer awkwardness blinds us to an inner grace
 All those who never seem to find a resting place
 All those whose ambition exceeds their skill
 All those whose minds are clouded or weak
 All those who stumble when others seem to fly
 All those who bear the burden of broken bodies
 All those who wait in pain only for death
 All those who wait for news which never comes
 All those who are unloved, unloving, alone
 All those who having been lifted high are fallen to the dust

WE PRAY FOR THEM

— Chaim Stern, adapted

Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness

1. Spir - it, come, dis - pel our sad-ness; pierce the clouds of
 2. Let your fire heal our dis - sen - sions, let your flame re -
 3. Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, come, a - noint us

na - ture's night; come, O Source of joy and glad-ness,
 fine our goals, let your peace re - solve our ten - sions,
 with your power. Make our hearts your hab - i - ta - tion;

breathe your life and spread your light. From the height that
 send your dove to soothe our souls. Let your wind flow
 with your grace our spir - its shower. Hear, O hear our

knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious shower de - scend,
 fresh with - in us, sweep - ing clean all hate and strife
 sup - pli - ca - tion, bless - ed Spir - it, God of peace!


WORDS: Sts. 1, 3, Paul Gerhardt, 1648; tr. John Christian Jacobi, c. 1725, alt.;
 st. 2, Jane Marshall, 1975

MUSIC: Joshua Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1831


PLEADING SAVIOR
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The Pietist movement in the 1600's in Germany placed the spirit of God's love over the legalism of doctrine. It gave birth not only to Paul Gerhardt's hymns but also to the music of J. S. Bach.


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bring-ing down the rich-est trea-sure we can wish, or God can send.
 from our hearts; O come and win us for a more a - bun-dant life.
 Rest up - on this con-gre-ga-tion with the full-ness of your grace.



Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 230



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of




flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the




new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com- pare:



come, Ho - ly Spir-it, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982
 MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1969

BRIDEGROOM
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Composer Peter Cutts, coming from a United Reformed Church background in England, has served on the UCC's Andover-Newton Seminary faculty.

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Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall dwell with God for - ev - er - more,

Trust in your God, your sav - ior and your guide,
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt.
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933

FINLANDIA
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The tune FINLANDIA is an arrangement of the theme of Sibelius' orchestral tone poem of the same name. First performed in 1899, it became a rallying cry for Finnish independence.

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 Arr. © 1933, 1961
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 admin. Westminster/John Knox Press

Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven-ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 through thorn- y ways leads to a peace- ful end.
 the voice that calmed them in this world be- low.
 all safe and bless- ed we shall meet at last.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
 and by night, but find no rest.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
 my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.
 My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.
 They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
 and there is no one to help.

— from Psalm 22, NRSV

Rather than dismal words increasing depression, I find, in the shared experiences and feelings of the psalmist, a strangely-wrought and deeply-felt awareness of human companionship.

— Robert H. Tucker