

Peacham Congregational Church
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*We are an open and Affirming Church
No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are
welcome here.*

Peacham Congregational Church
May 12, 2024 – Mother's Day
Rev. Bob Potter, Leader, Patty Gardner, Deacon

Welcome & Announcements (see insert, also concerns)

Piano Prelude - -Variation #2, Goldberg Variations -- J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn #89 "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

Concerns & Celebrations

Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Congregation Responds – Hymn 278, "Hear Our Prayer, Oh God"

Choral Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" – arr. Sally DeFord

Offertory

Offering Collection & Mission

Doxology - #46 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

Dedication of collection

You are the giver of all good things, and your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We ask that you accept these gifts and use them to your glory. May these gifts bring shelter to the homeless, comfort to the sick, rest to the weary, and hope to the hopeless.

Hymn #58 "Immortal Love, Forever Full"

Scriptural Reading 1st Corinthians 13

Reading – GOD COMES TO THE WOMEN - by Heather Farrell

Sermon - "Surge it With Love"

Piano interlude

Hymn #221 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Benediction

Congregation Responds – Hymn 345 "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again"
(refrain only)

Postlude "M-O-T-H-E-R (A word that means the world to me) - - Theodore Morse/Howard Johnson (1915)

While we are without a settled pastor, the Deacons are responsible for the worship services and outreach of the church. Please contact Patty Gardner @ peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

Church Administrator.....Patty Gardner

Coordinator of Lay Services.....Lynne Lawson

AccompanistBruce Westcott

Church Council President & ModeratorJohn Marshall

Deacons: Susan Chandler
Carolyn Deasy
Christopher Danielson
Patty Gardner, head deacon – 802-592-3022 or 413-883-2842
Anita Vann
Rick Witt

Treasurer.....Bruce Westcott

Collector.....Ann Goss

Sexton.....Jeff Lane

Web Ministry/LivestreamingJonathan R. Potter

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

89

1. Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
 2. Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
 3. Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
 4. When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and

bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

WORDS: Daniel R. Bechtel, 1986
 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992, adapt.

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Bechtel, a UCC minister, was inspired by
 Hosea 11:1-9 to write this description of
 God's parentlike relationship to us.

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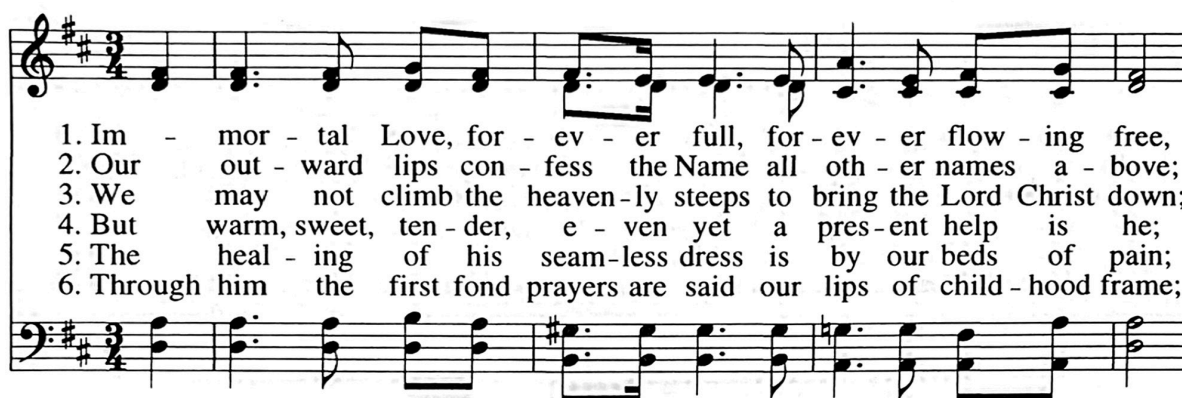
For thus says the Lord . . .
 As one whom his mother comforts,
 so will I comfort you.

— Isaiah 66:12,13, RSV

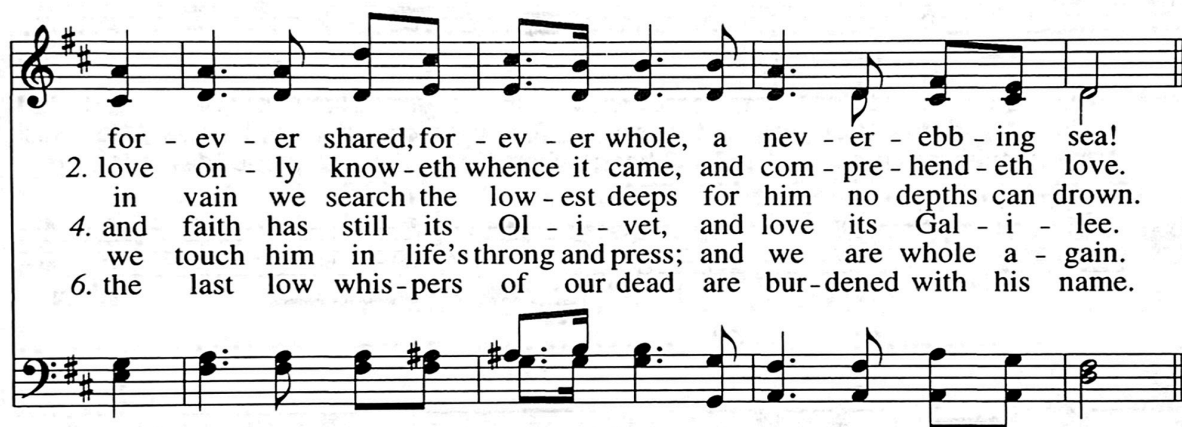
PROVIDENCE AND CARE

Immortal Love, Forever Full

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1. Im - mor - tal Love, for - ev - er full, for - ev - er flow - ing free,
2. Our out - ward lips con - fess the Name all oth - er names a - bove;
3. We may not climb the heaven - ly steep to bring the Lord Christ down;
4. But warm, sweet, ten - der, e - ven yet a pres - ent help is he;
5. The heal - ing of his seam - less dress is by our beds of pain;
6. Through him the first fond prayers are said our lips of child - hood frame;



for - ev - er shared, for - ev - er whole, a nev - er - ebb - ing sea!
2. love on - ly know - eth whence it came, and com - pre - hend - eth love.
in vain we search the low - est deeps for him no depths can drown.
4. and faith has still its Ol - i - vet, and love its Gal - i - lee.
we touch him in life's throng and press; and we are whole a - gain.
6. the last low whis - pers of our dead are bur - dened with his name.

WORDS: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892
MUSIC: Arr. from William V. Wallace, 1814-1865

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Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di-vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di-vine, glow with-in this heart of mine;
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di-vine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Right di-vine, rul - er in my con-science reign;



word of God, and in-ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire; pur - i - fy me in your fire.
by you may I strong-ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for-ev - er free.

MAY 12, 2024 – Peacham Congregational Church

Our Guest Minister today:

Reverend Bob Potter has had a long, rich career as a Congregational minister, including, notably, 15 years of strong leadership as minister of this church. After leaving Peacham in 2018, Reverend Potter was the beloved minister for four years at the Monadnock Congregational Church of the Great North Woods in Colebrook, New Hampshire – great name. He's now retired from fulltime preaching, but we thank him for coming today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are potted Mother's Day plants downstairs, that were decorated and put together by a group of children from Peacham Elementary School, who gathered this past Tuesday with Jen Surat, Michelle Pomeroy & Patty Gardner. Thank you all. Please come down for coffee and a bite to eat and get a flower.



FREE COMMUNITY ITALIAN SUPPER

AT THE PEACHAM CHURCH
AND MEETINGHOUSE

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6:15 to 8:00 PM

Menu: Assortment of entrees, salad bar, homemade dessert, coffee, tea, cider

This is simply a fine springtime opportunity to get the Peacham Community together to share a family-style meal with your neighbors- no program or presentation. Just a chance to socialize and catch up!

We at the Church/Meetinghouse are grateful to Tim Scott Real Estate for financial support of this event.

To gauge food and provisions required, confirmations of attendance would be helpful. Call 802-592-3022 (leave a message if no response) or email rick@gantryconsult.com. Much appreciated!

There is a sign-up sheet to help and if you would like to bake a dessert. It will be downstairs at coffee hour.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19, WE WILL MEET AFTER CHURCH IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR ANOTHER DISCUSSION WITH CAROL FOX. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS TO MAKE!

Meditation at Peacham Library and gentle stretching beforehand.

Each Wednesday, all are welcome to join in meditation downstairs at The Peacham Library. Knowing how much better meditation feels after warming up the body, our 4 Peacham yoga teachers have volunteered to offer a brief session of gentle yoga-based stretches beforehand. No experience is necessary. Meditation will follow for 30 minutes.* Yoga is optional, you can come for just the meditation if you prefer. Also, for those who prefer a shorter meditation, there will be a quiet chime after 15 minutes for those who wish to depart then. Whether you come for part or all, we hope you will join us. There is no fee. Please supply an email address if you wish to receive a weekly reminder and notice of schedule changes.

Schedule:

8:00am – 8:30am: Gentle yoga

8:30am – 8:35am: Meditators get settled

8:35am – 9:05am: Meditation (with a midpoint chime at 8:50)

For information or to be included on the email list, contact Jean White at jeanwhite417@gmail.com

* if you have never meditated and would like some guidance, let us know and we will arrange time to speak with you in advance.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS:

Anniversary – May 14 – Bob & Patty Gardner

Please Pray for:

1. Jeanna B. – Being Tested for Lyme disease – Patty G.
2. Alan Goldberg, health issues – Harry Vann
3. Randy Whitley - numerous health issues - Harry Vann
4. Peg Clemons at NVRH Genesis in St. Johnsbury for rehab – Paul Clemons

5. Steve Ripper, husband of Lucy, Paul & Peg Clemons' son-in-law – undiagnosed health issues. – Paul Clemons

Guest Speaker - 5/19 John Morris – “Hallelujah...continued” - Pentecost



5/26 John Morris- When words fail...the church sings!” – Trinity Sunday

John Morris Bio: Born in Nebraska, John attended Midland College and theological schools in Boston and New York. He served in East Harlem's St. Edward Church before moving to Vermont in 1971. Switching careers, he spent three decades teaching elementary school while pastoring in Wilmington and Chester. John retired in 2013, he occasionally serves as guest preacher in churches in New Hampshire and Vermont. His study of biblical marriage traditions resulted in a book, published in 2007. Now he enjoys family life in Topsham, Vermont.

June 2nd – Abby Pollender – “What I’ve Learned about Grief from Both Sides Now”

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