

Peacham Congregational Church
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Inspired by the 23rd Psalm

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
August 31, 2025
Worship Leader: Nicole Klosterman
Lay Reader: Rick Witt

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Your response will be,
“Let Mutual Love Continue.”

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:
Let mutual love continue.

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:
Let mutual love continue.

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:
Let mutual love continue.

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.
Let mutual love continue.

We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2024

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 25:6-7

SPECIAL MUSIC - BRUCE

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:

MAORI & POLYNESIA

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSE: HYMN# 345

*Hear our prayer O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.*

COLLECTION & MISSION (NEKESAN)

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.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these offerings, O God, we dedicate ourselves to showing love by our actions. May they be our witness in the world. AMEN

HYMN #353 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Message of Mutual Love

HYMN #376 - Help Us Accept Each Other"

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (based on Genesis 28:13-15, Psalm 139)

(Congregation reads Bold Text)

As we leave this place, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

At work or play, at home or on vacation, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

Whether we're happy or sad,

on our own, or with our friends, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

So, let's go with joy,

because God goes with us!

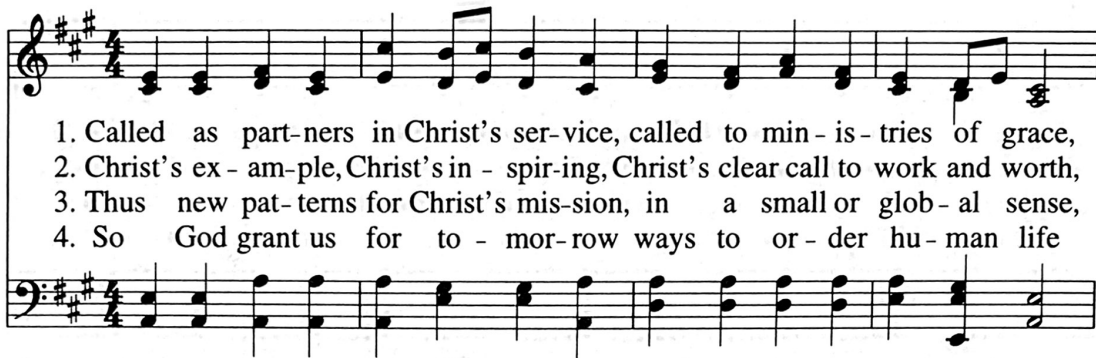
RESPONSE #345 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again v.1*

POSTLUDE

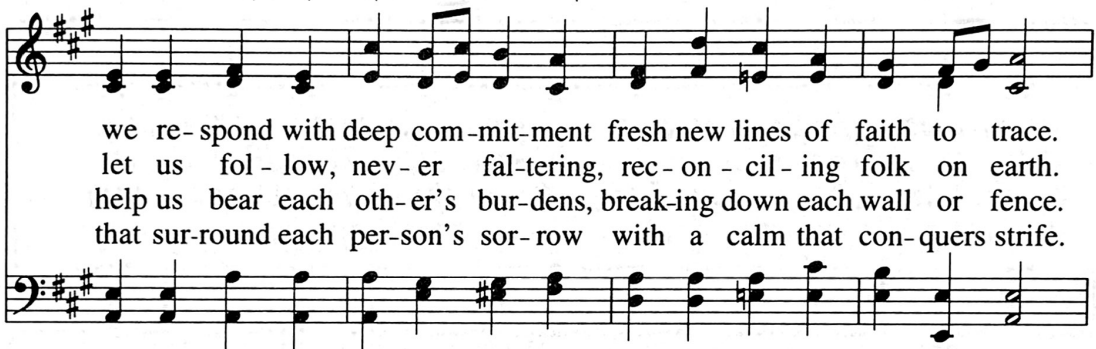
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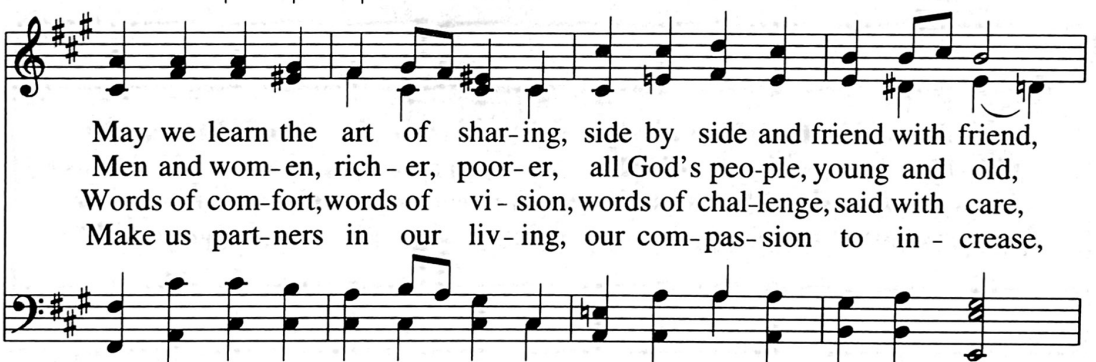
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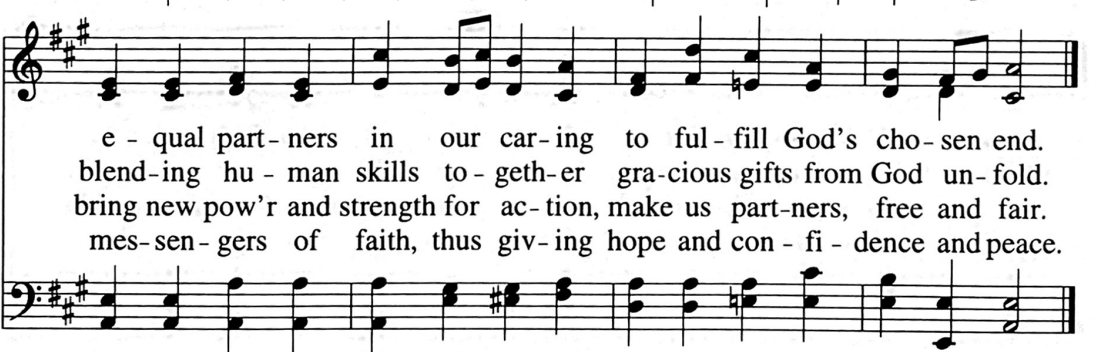
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new pow'r and strength for ac-tion, make us part-ners, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981, alt.
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1855

BEECHER
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John Zundel, organist of Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn NY,
 named this tune for his pastor, the celebrated preacher Henry Ward Beecher.
 Together they published the *Plymouth Hymnal* in 1855.

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Help Us Accept Each Other

Unison

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

BECK
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Kaan's text was inspired by a Bible study written for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
 by Jackie Mattonen, Kaan's cohort in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.
 The music is by John Ness Beck, well-known American composer and publisher.

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