

Peacham Congregational Church

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“Peace begins with love!”

mural from the Peace Wall in Hamilton, New Zealand (ca 2000). (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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January 18, 2026

Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude - "Epiphanias" Hugo Wolf (1903)

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship (2)

Children of God, who has God called you to be?

A light to all the nations!

When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn #250: "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & 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.

Anthem - "Wake, O Wake" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Communion Service - Carol Fox

Offering & 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.

Unison Prayer of Dedication (3)

Creator of heaven and earth, receive these offerings from our hearts and our hands. May they be used to bring heaven to the earth.

Hymn #S19: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)"

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7

Message – The Everyday Sacred (Being a Light)

Closing Hymn #28: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Unison Benediction (4)

**As we go forth, let's keep in mind that heaven on earth is possible because
the kingdom is in us and the kingdom is us. Amen**

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

Postlude - "Anthem for Epiphany" Bertram Selby (1902)

(1) Peace begins with love!, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55233> [retrieved January 11, 2026]. Original source:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/taniwha/7186831/>.

(2) Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

(3) Written by Rev. Teña T. Nock. Posted on UCC Worship Ways. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-2a-january-18/>

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Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Unison

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, now the dark night has
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in your wa- ters; here we re- ceive the
 4. Not just in build- ings, small and con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

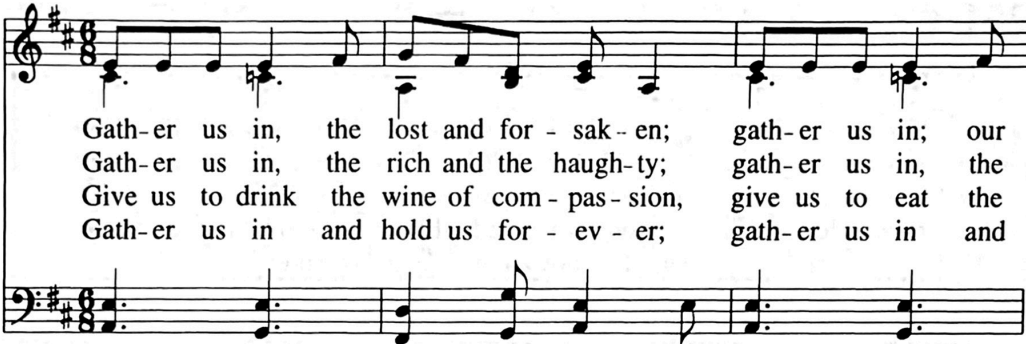
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981, alt.

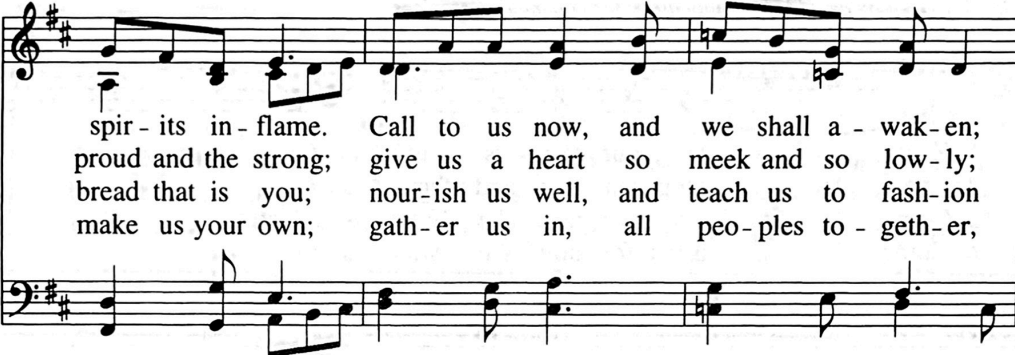
Marty Haugen is a member of Mayflower United Church of
 Christ, Minneapolis MN, where he is composer-in-residence.

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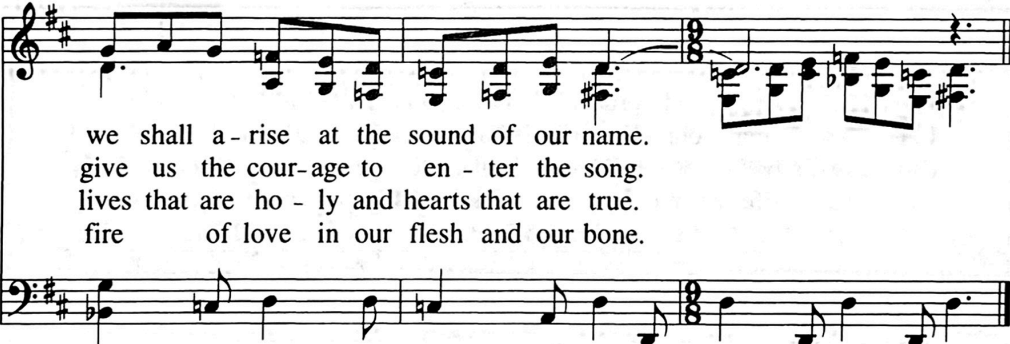
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Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Come into this place of peace
 and let its silence heal your spirit;
 Come into this place of memory
 and let its history warm your soul;
 Come into this place of prophecy and power
 and let its vision change your heart.

— William F. Schultz

S 19

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(Here I Am, Lord)

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Schutte, b. 1947


HERE I AM, LORD
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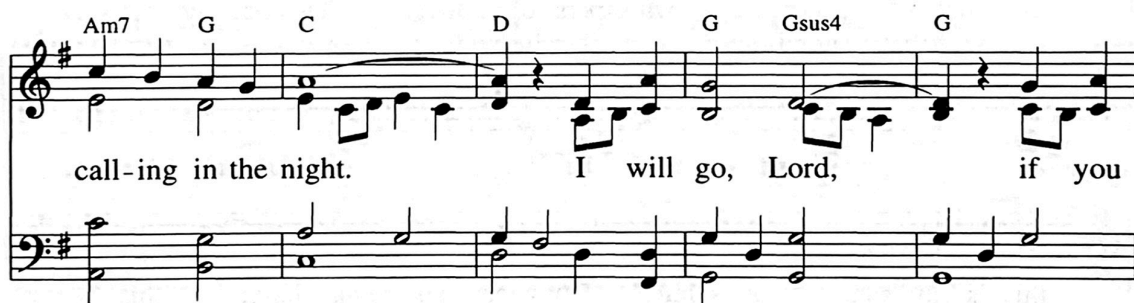


Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

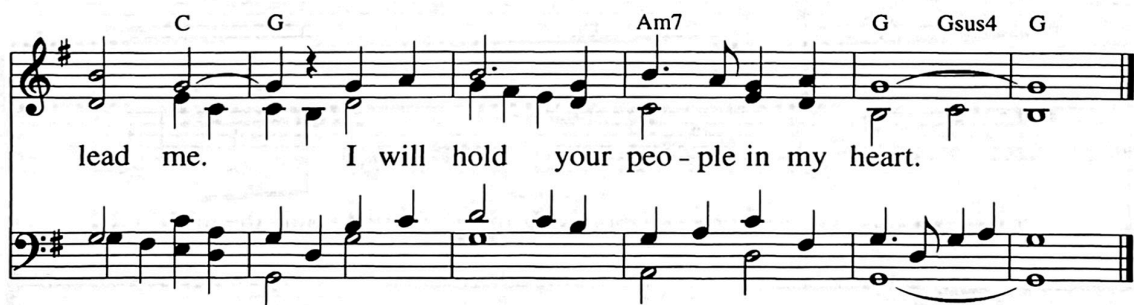
Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Sov - ereign God, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3. All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you; all on earth your scep - ter claim,
 round are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 Three we name you, while in es - sence tru - ly one,

all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you; so we gath - er

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 joys a - flame: ho - ly, ho - ly is your name.
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 rev - erent - ly to a - dore the mys - ter - y.

WORDS: Anon., German, c. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853, alt.

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MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774; alt. Johann G. Schicht, 1819

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This German version of the Catholic 'Te Deum' came into Protestant usage in 1819. This hymn was played at the close of the requiem mass for President Kennedy, as the casket was carried from the church.