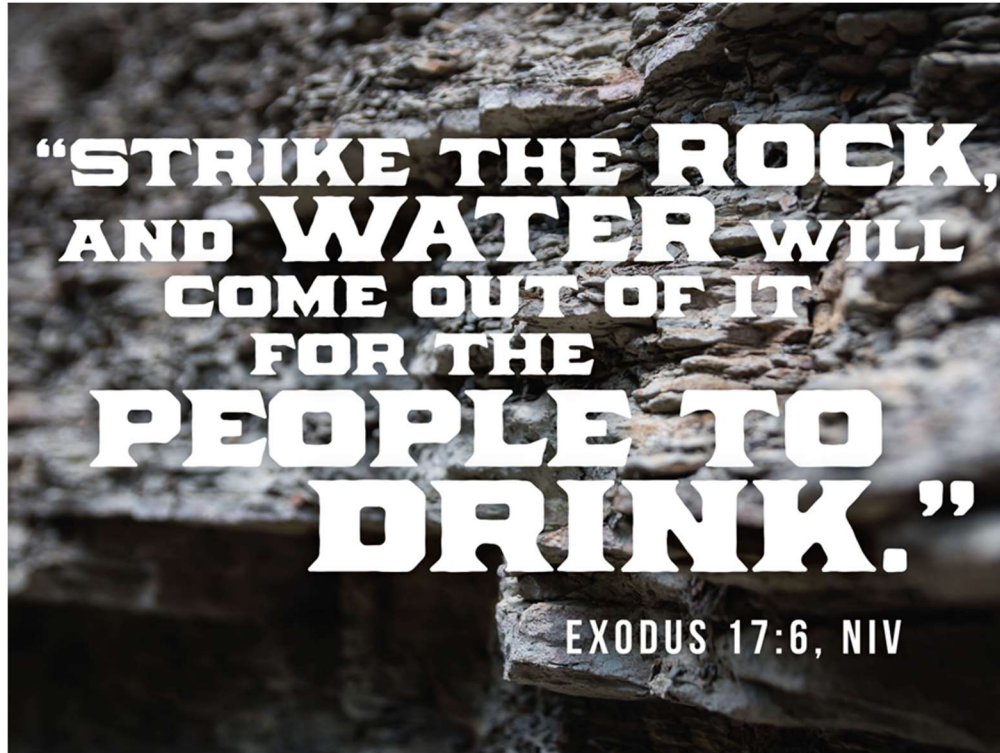


**Peacham Congregational Church**

56 Church St., Peacham, VT 05862

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**Lay Leaders: John Marshall & Rick Witt**

**Guest Speaker: John Morris**

We are an Open and Affirming Church

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

[www.peachamchurch.org](http://www.peachamchurch.org)

**Order of Worship  
April 26, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Prelude on St. Columba" Petro Cattaneo (1998)

Call to Worship

Merciful God,  
you have told us who you are,  
and we still struggle to believe.  
In Jesus Christ, you reveal your unending care for us,  
and we give thanks.  
Grant us the vision of the world you see,  
a world without hunger, thirst, or tears.  
Lead us into the future you are preparing, O God,  
as we follow with grateful hearts. Amen.

Opening Hymn #102: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

Response

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

Offering & Mission

Doxology #46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen***

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**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, both within our community and in the greater world. Amen.**

Hymn #497: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon: "Complaining and Lamenting" – John Morris

Closing Hymn #407: "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

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

Postlude: "Very Bread, Good Shepherd Tend" Haley Willan (1880 - 1968)

## Announcements April 26, 2026

The Church Council will meet today after worship in the social hall.

Shared Voices; is a collaborative concert bringing together the North Country Chorus, Halcyon Chorale, and St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones to present music by 20th century composers. The concert will be performed at the United Community Church in St. Johnsbury on Saturday, May 2 at 7 pm and again on Sunday, May 3 at 3 pm. The program journeys through a broad range of musical landscapes as each ensemble shares a set of their own repertoire. The finale of "Shared Voices" will bring all three ensembles together as an 80-voice choir. Admission is by donation. Go to [www.northcountrychorus.org](http://www.northcountrychorus.org) for more information.

Our 2nd quarter mission is Heifer International. Heifer International believes that ending hunger and poverty begins with agriculture. Starting with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture given to a family, Heifer mentors that family in building a business and gaining access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living and continuously support their communities as they train the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and female business owners.

The Peacham Congregational Church collects food for the Danville Food Shelf every Sunday morning from 9-11 a.m. Food is collected in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary. During the week, donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the green bins on the covered walkway outside the kitchen door. Please note that the Food Shelf cannot use food that is beyond the expiration date or that has been opened.

The Danville Open Door Food Shelf is asking for the following weekly rotation of donations: 1st Sunday -

2nd Sunday - Butter

3rd Sunday - Cheese (8oz. blocks)

4th Sunday - Eggs

[5th Sunday - Cheese]

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

May 3 – Rev. Jay Sprout, Message from Bruce Maclean, "Christian Nationalism, Christianity and You"

May 10 – John Morris – Mother's Day

May 17 – Ed Nilson

May 24 – Ed Nilson

May 31 - Susan Chandler & Susan Derby with Alive and Well, a musical service with history of the sanctuary

Events:

May 7, 6:15 – 8:00 pm – Free Community Italian Meal in the social hall

May 26, 6:00 pm – Peacham Elementary School Spring Concert

**Information about Peacham Congregational Church**

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us online at [peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday](http://peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday)

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Treasurer.....Bruce Westcott

Collector.....Ann Goss

Accompanist .....Bruce Westcott

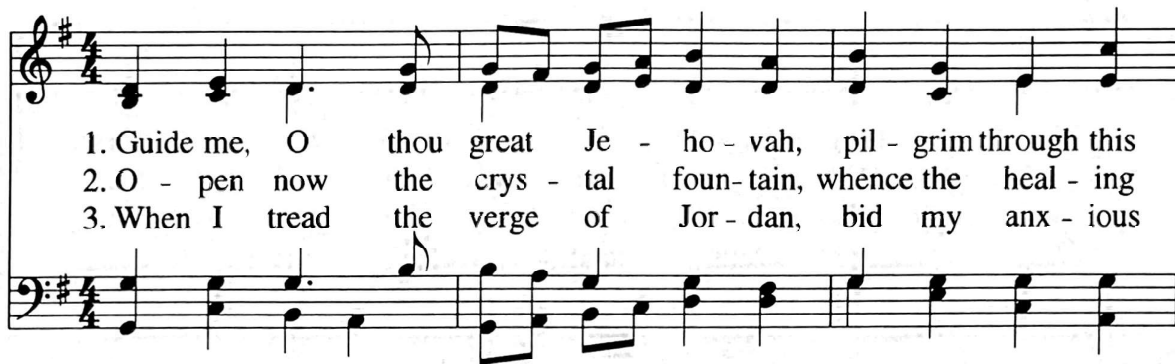
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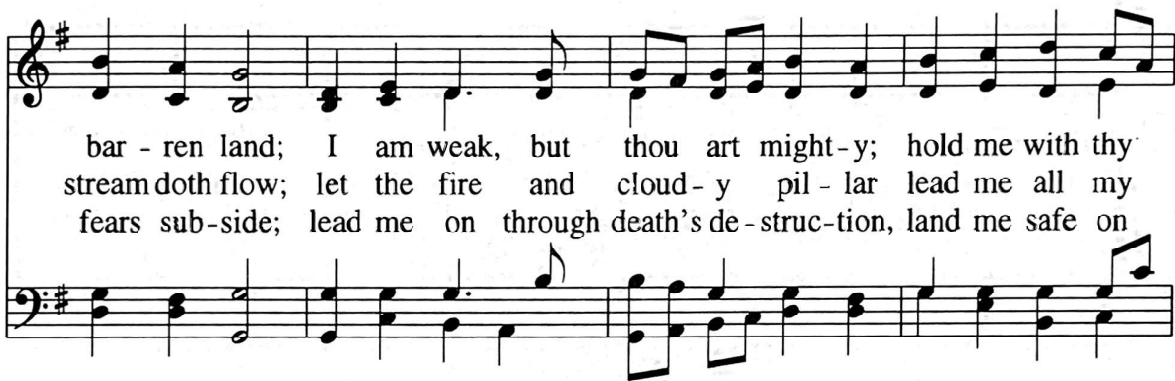
Church Council President & Moderator .....John Marshall

Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy,  
Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



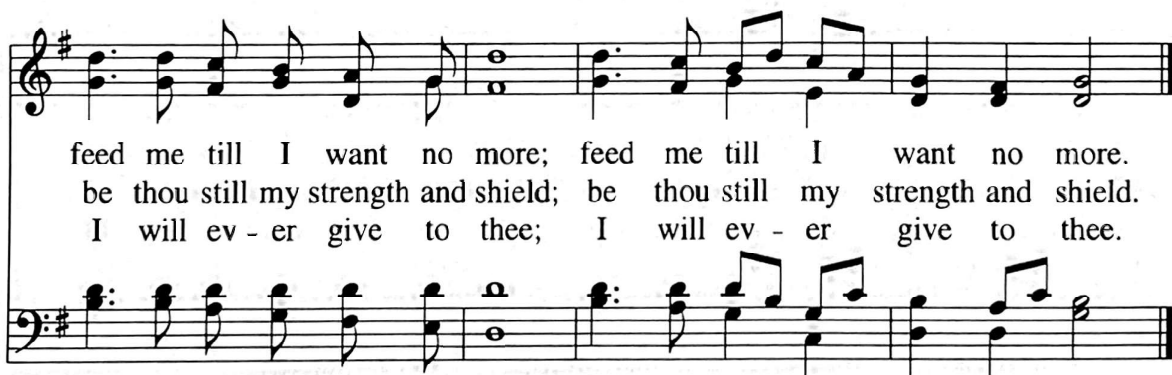
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; lead me on through death's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; st. 1, tr. Peter Williams, 1771; sts. 2,3, tr. William Williams, 1772, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

Williams, an evangelist with the Calvinistic Methodist Church  
 of Wales, wrote more than eight hundred hymns in Welsh.

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## When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

*Unison* *Harmony*

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,  
 2. Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo - ses said,  
 3. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go,  
 4. Then Mir - iam danced and sang her song,  
 5. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee,

*Unison* *Harmony*

op-pressed so hard they could not stand,  
 if not I'll smite your first-born dead,  
 to lead the He - brew chil - dren through, let my peo-ple go,  
 "Our God has tri - umphed o - ver wrong!"  
 and let us all in Christ be free,

*Refrain (Harmony)*

Go down, Mo-ses, 'way down in E-gypt's land,  
 Mo-ses  
 Go down, go down, Mo-ses

tell old Phar - aoh, to let my peo-ple go.

WORD and MUSIC: African-American spiritual; refrain harm. Melva Costen, 1990, adapt.

GO DOWN MOSES

In the words of Martin Luther King, 'The freedom songs . . .  
 keep alive a faith, a radiant hope in the future, particularly  
 in our most trying hours.'

85.85 w. refrain

Refrain harm. © 1990 Melva Costen, adapt.

# 407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am called to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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Robinson, an English barber, became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and, later, a Baptist minister. His text has been sung to this American folk tune since 1813.