

Peacham Congregational Church

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And when the day
of Pentecost
was fully
come, they
were all
with one
accord in
one place.

Acts 2:1

Guest Leader: Ed Nilson

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
May 24, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Pentecost - Improvisation on Georgian Themes" Everett Titcomb
(1884-1968)

Lighting of the Candles

Centering Thought

It was impossible to seat the throngs of people. The Pentecostal saints came filled with the glory and fire of God. Their testimonies and ringing songs of praise brought the entire neighborhood on the run to ask, "What does this mean?" It was a hopeless task to seat the people, though seats were loaned us by the church and every available inch of space packed. Thousands nightly fringed the edge of the tent, standing clear out into the road
- Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson, Revival Tent Meeting,
Hyde Park, Boston 1917.

Responsive Call to Worship

The day of Pentecost has come — baptize us again O God with the fire of your love!

Creator God, bless us with the gift of your Holy Spirit;

Praise the Lord who sends forth his Spirit to God's sons and daughters;

Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth!

Lord Jesus Christ, reign down your Spirit upon us that we, too, may see visions and dream dreams;

May the glory of the Lord endure forever in this place, and every place that bears God's name;

May the Lord send us revival again as in the days of old.

Praise the Lord for Pentecost! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Opening Hymn #218: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Unison Invocation:

The journey homewards. Coming home. That's what it's all about. The journey to the coming of the Kingdom. The Christian who uses a story or music or painting, furthers the coming of the kingdom, and makes us aware of our status as children of God, and to turn our feet toward home. We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are.

- Madeleine L'Engle

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

Congregation: **And also, with you.**

Leader: Now share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Anthem: "Cool of the Day" John Ratledge

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

"Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. We offer these gifts to you as a sign of our love and dedication. Use them to bring hope and healing to our community. In Jesus' name, Amen"

Hymn #385: "Shadow and Substance"

Scripture: Acts 2:1-6. 13-21, John 20:19-23

Sermon: "The Holy Spirit and Pentecost" – Ed Nilson

Closing Hymn #220: "Breath on Me, Breath of God"

Responsive Benediction

Empower us O God with your Holy Spirit—

To face the challenges of life today and in this coming week;

Pentecost need not be just a moment in time, just a historical reality —

But a day by day experience with a daily infilling of God's Holy Spirit;

Let us be torch bearers of the light of Christ that can light up the world

With God's help, we will show the love and light of Christ to all;

Our worship concludes; our service continues.

Blessed be God, now and forevermore!

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

Postlude: "Partita for Pentecost (2 variations)" James Boeriger (1930-2014)

Announcements
May 24, 2026

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

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

- May 31 - Susan Chandler & Susan Derby with Alive and Well, a musical service with history of the sanctuary
- June 7 – Jay Sprout (Communion)
- June 14 - John Morris, Sermon on Bonhoeffer (Father’s Day)

Events:

- May 26, 6:00 p.m. – Peacham Elementary School Spring Concert
- June 13, 4:00 p.m. – John Morris – Presentation & Discussion about Dietrich Bonhoeffer – All Are welcome

Information about Peacham Congregational Church

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

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

For general inquiries, email information@peachamchurch.com

Church Admin.....Patty Gardner	Treasurer.....Bruce Westcott
Collector.....Ann Goss	AccompanistBruce Westcott
Sexton.....Jeff Lane	Web Ministry.....Jonathan R. Potter
Church Council President & Moderator	John Marshall

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

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way; still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

WORDS: Janie Alford, 1979, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)
 87.87D

Janie Alford, an active Presbyterian laywoman in her nineties and a retired medical secretary, wrote this text based on the story of Pentecost, Acts 2:1-36, for her collection *Nine Hymns for the Church Year* (1979).

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Unison

1. Shad - ow and sub - stance, won - der and mys - ter - y,
 2. We are your im - age, formed in com - mu - ni - ty;
 3. Nam - ing the name - less Spir - it of u - ni - ty,

spell - bind - ing spin - ner of at - oms and earth;
 sis - ters and broth - ers of Ad - am and Eve.
 scan - ning the heav - ens for signs of your care;

soul of the cos - mos, per - son and en - er - gy,
 you gave us col - or, cus - tom and his - to - ry;
 God of the a - ges, give us hu - mil - i - ty;

source of our be - ing: we sing of your worth.
 teach us to hon - or what oth - ers re - ceive.
 guide us to mys - ti - cal un - ion in prayer.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1989

TWILIGHT
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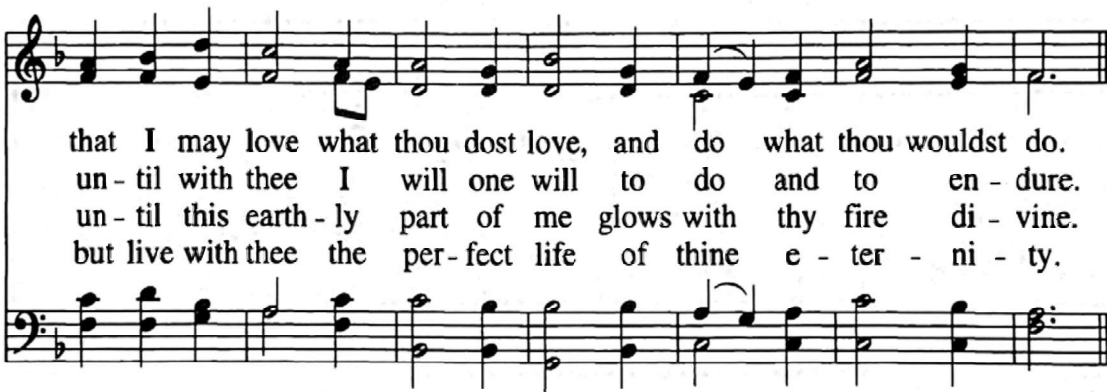
Writer and composer Dan Damon articulates: (I try to) 'keep things simple and singable while at the same time exploring the edges of our spoken and sung faith.'

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1886, alt.

MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1894

TRENTHAM
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Anglican Edward Hatch ministered and taught in Canada and England.
 This hymn, first published in his *Between Doubt and Prayer*, shows
 this scholar could also be simple and unaffected.

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;

WORDS: Samuel Longfellow, 1846, alt.

MUSIC: Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867; arr. Edwin Parker, 1888

MERCY
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This hymn tune is taken from a piano piece by the New Orleans
 Creole composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk. His celebrated career
 in Europe and America was cut short at age forty by yellow fever.

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

O God in Heaven

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1. O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
 2. Je - sus Re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
 3. Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the

bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
 pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -
 wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the

nite us — O God in heav - en, auth - or of love.
 mor - row — Je - sus Re - deem - er, sav - ior and friend.
 mourn - ful — Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

WORDS: D. T. Niles, 1964, alt.

MUSIC: Elena G. Maquiso, 1961; harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

Maquiso, with a Doctorate in Religious Education from the Hartford Theological Foundation, has taught at Silliman University in the Philippines. She is a folklore and hymnody expert.

HALAD
55.55D

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GOD PRESENT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT