

Peacham Congregational Church

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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

**Order of Worship
May 3, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "We Thank Thee, Lord" W.F. Bach (1710-1784)

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #503: "Once to Every Heart and Nation"

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.

Anthem: "Child of the Universe" Rachel

Scripture: I Peter 2:3-10

Sermon: "Christian Nationalism, Christianity and You" – Bruce Maclean

Hymn (insert): "Peacham Hymn"

Sacrament of Communion –Jay Sprout

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Sung Invitation (responsive) - "Morning Has Broken"

Leader: May God be with you!

Congregation: **And with you also!**

Leader: Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.

Congregation: **We come together at the Lord's table, to taste salvation, fresh from the Word.**

Communion Prayer

Song of Adoration - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy, God beyond our seeing,
thoughts and ways above the sky, and deeper than the sea.
God so far beyond us, yet closer than breathing:
come now among us at our holy feast!**

Words of Institution - On the Night

Communion is served

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Wondrous God, we give thanks for this holy meal shared in your spirit of love. May this bread and cup be more than a foretaste. May it be an ever-present reminder of Jesus' call to live out our holy story of grace. May this feast fill us with renewed courage, commitment, and compassion to put fear aside, risk the improbable, and transform the world. Amen

Closing Hymn #529: "Let All Things Now Living"

Benediction

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

Postlude: "Recessional" Roger Wilson (1948)

Announcements

May 3, 2026

On the third Sunday of each month, coffee hour is an opportunity to share updates and answer questions about what's happening at the Church. Our next conversation will take place on Sunday, May 17, and will focus on the Church's mission. The Mission Committee is re-imagining the quarterly missions and is looking for suggestions of local non-profit organizations to support. Please bring your ideas! If you're unable to attend, questions or comments may be shared at peachammeetinghouse.org/contact.

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 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 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

For general inquiries, email information@peachamchurch.com

Church Admin.....Patty Gardner

Treasurer.....Bruce Westcott

Collector.....Ann Goss

AccompanistBruce Westcott

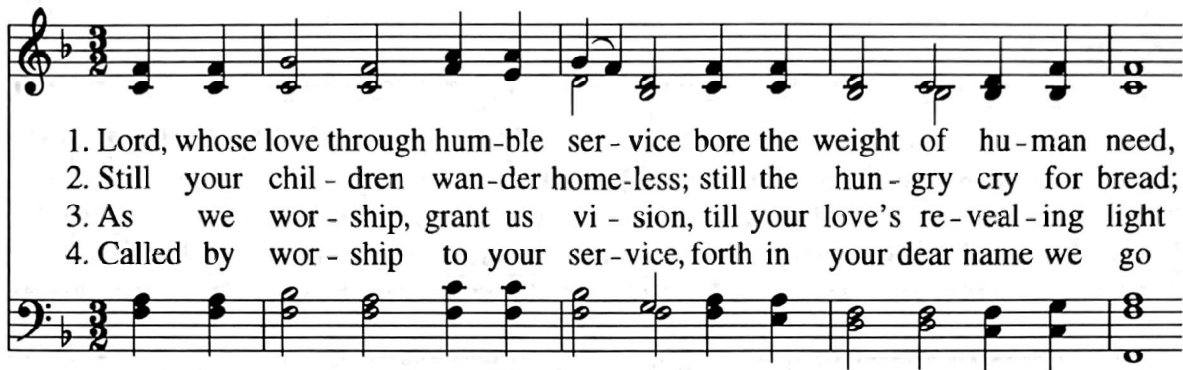
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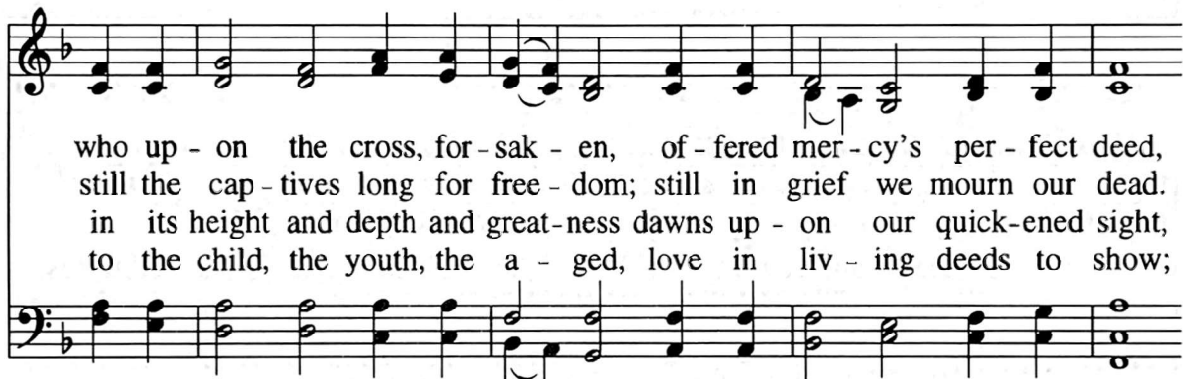
Church Council President & ModeratorJohn Marshall

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

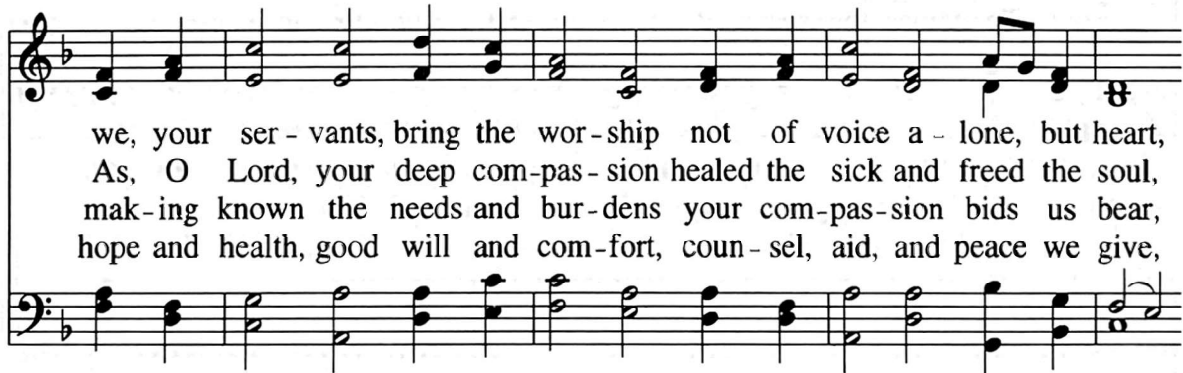
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service 503



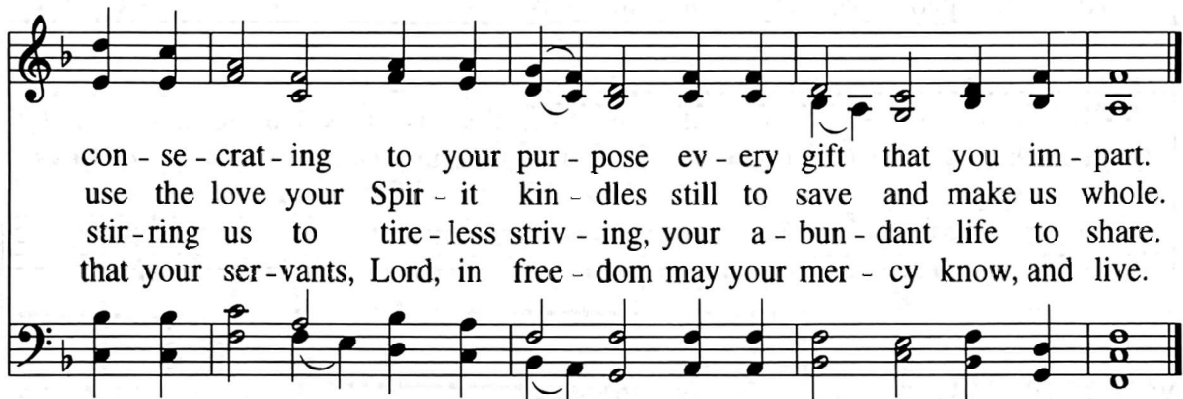
1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed,
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart,
As, O Lord, your deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
use the love your Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
stir-ring us to tire-less striv-ing, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. FCC, 1997

BEACH SPRING
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English Congregational minister Bayly wrote this text in response to a call by the Hymn Society of America for hymns on social concerns.

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The Peacham Hymn

Break This Bread

N. Bundgus

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1985

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Break this bread with love - Break it in His Mem-o - ry. Bless this bread from
Break this bread with joy. - Joy in God's com - mun - i - ty. Joy in prayers from
Break this bread with tears. Tears for lone - ly pov - er - ty. Tears for those who
Break this bread with thanks. Bow - ing in hum - il - i - ty, For God's grace shared

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God a - bove. Bless this Je - sus' love,
land to land. As bread's hand to hand.
live op - pressed. May we wret - ched - ness.
ev - ry - where, Bless - ing lov - ing care;

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Break this bread for you and me.
Joy - ful hearts for you and me.
With God's help and you and me.
Dail - y bread for you and me.

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Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

God our cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us by guid - ing us on to the
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Leland Sateren, adapt., *Contemporary Worship* 4, 1972

ASH GROVE

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Choralist Katherine Kennicott Davis wrote this text to be sung with this tune. She is best known as the writer/composer of 'The Little Drummer Boy,' written under a pseudonym.

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light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing
love and re - joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a

forth in the night: till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness
song let us raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith . . . a voyage to plant the first colony . . . in the presence of God and one of another, [we do] covenant and combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic, for our better ordering and preservation

~ from *The Mayflower Compact*,
Pilgrim forerunner to American democratic principles

THANKSGIVING