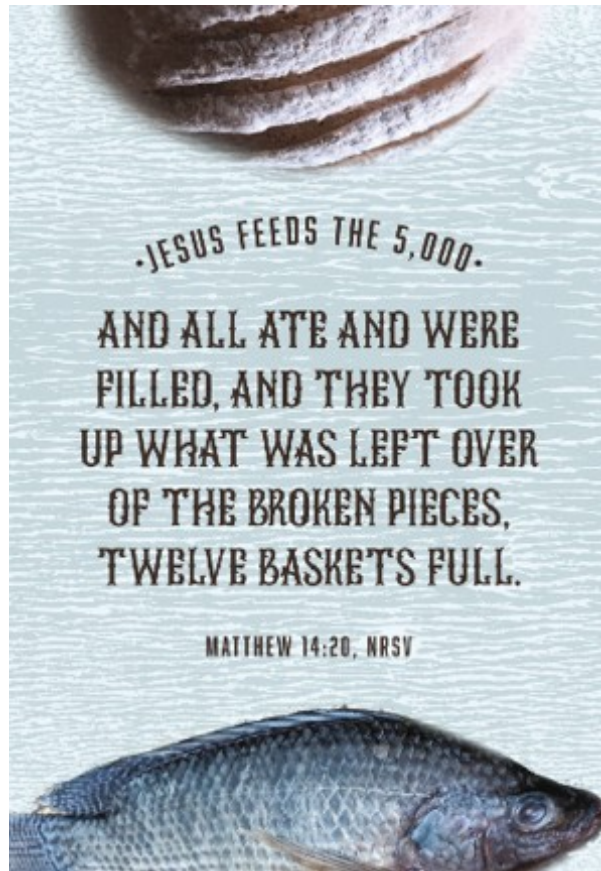


Peacham Congregational Church

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Guest Leader: Rev. Steven Winkler

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

August 2, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "The Willow Tree" V. Azpeitia (2022)

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship

The love and good humor of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

Before time existed and the universe began its long unfolding, God was God.

When the stars were finding their places, and planets their orbits, God was God.

When the earth took shape and life came in splendid profusion, God was God.

When Abraham and Sarah began their journey of faith, God was God.

When Jesus came among us, bearing and living the Gospel of peace, God was God.

When tomorrow you look back and remember today, you can say, God was God.

The Lord God, whom the human mind cannot comprehend, was before the beginning, will be after the end, and fills ever present moment with Presence and Purpose.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #111: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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.

Joys and Concerns

Invocation

O Lord, our God, you, whose Spirit is Love, can be trusted to deal with all of our secret pages of mind and heart. Make us more yours than we have ever been before. In being more yours, may we become more truly ourselves. Open our eyes to the wonder that surrounds as we share the words Jesus taught followers to pray...

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

Words of Assurance

Listen to the Good News: "Here is love. Not our love of God but God's love for us." In the name of the Son of God-light of the world, friend of sinners, rescuer of the lost, healer of the broken, joy of the redeemed-I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven and the pages of your life made new!

Thanks be to God!

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 #45

***Praise God for love we all may share.
Praise God for beauty everywhere.
Praise God for hope of good to be.
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.***

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, as we worship you through our giving, we dedicate these gifts
to the work of your kingdom come and our hope that your will be done in
our community and world. Amen.**

Anthem: "Will the Circle be Unbroken" - Traditional

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Hymn #294: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Sermon: "Miracles Do Happen" – Rev. Steven Winkler

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Communion Prayer
Words of Institution
Sharing the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #345: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Benediction

Postlude: "Gavotte" in D Minor, JS Bach

Announcements August 2, 2026

This week's coffee hour is hosted by Brad and Nancy Toney.

Today's Communion is hosted by deacons Rick Witt and Patty Gardner.

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. We will announce today during the worship service what we will be talking about. Please attend! If you're unable to attend, questions or comments may be shared at peachammeetinghouse.org/contact.

Our 3rd quarter mission is the Northeast Kingdom Asylum Seekers Assistance Network (NEKASAN). Asylum seekers have fled persecution and often violence in their own countries due to religion, politics, or sexual orientation. Many have undertaken long, arduous journeys to reach our border. They are referred to NEKASAN while they are being held in detention centers or homeless shelters across the U.S. Once here in the Northeast Kingdom, guests stay with paid host families or

in rental apartments and receive monthly stipends to help with food and personal needs. We help them get access to health care and immigration lawyers, and obtain work permits. Our goal is always to provide community and a road to self-sufficiency for these new Vermonters.

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:

- August 9 – Lay Service
- August 16 – To Be Announced
- August 23 – Ecumenical gathering at St. Johnsbury United Community Church

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.org

Church Admin.....	Patty Gardner	Treasurer.....	Bruce Westcott
Collector.....	Ann Goss	Accompanist	Bruce Westcott
Sexton.....	Jeff Lane	Web Ministry.....	Jonathan R. Potter
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Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy,
Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. The night be - comes as day, when from the heart we say:
 3. Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 4. To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:
 5. In heaven's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:
 6. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine:




may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
 2. may Je - sus Christ be praised! The grace of God is near
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 4. may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals, too, up - raise
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air, and sea, and sky
 6. may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song




I joy - ful - ly de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2. when this sweet chant we hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4. their voice in hymns of praise: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 from depth to height re - ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 6. through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!



WORDS: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Würzburg, 1828; tr. Edward Caswall, 1854, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
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This German Catholic hymn text was brought to
 Protestants through the translation of Edward
 Caswall, an English convert to Catholicism.

PRAISE TO CHRIST

Break Thou the Bread of Life



1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,



as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;



be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
then shall all bond-age cease, all fet - ters fall;



my spir - it longs for thee, O liv - ing Word.
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

WORDS: Mary A. Lathbury, 1877, alt.
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

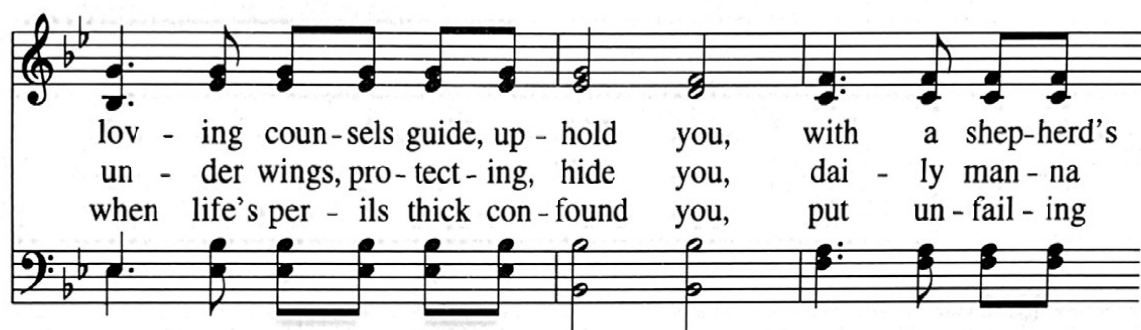
BREAD OF LIFE
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Mary Lathbury, who wrote this hymn for a Chatauqua gathering, reminds us that the 'bread of life' refers to the scriptural word of God rather than the communion bread.

345 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



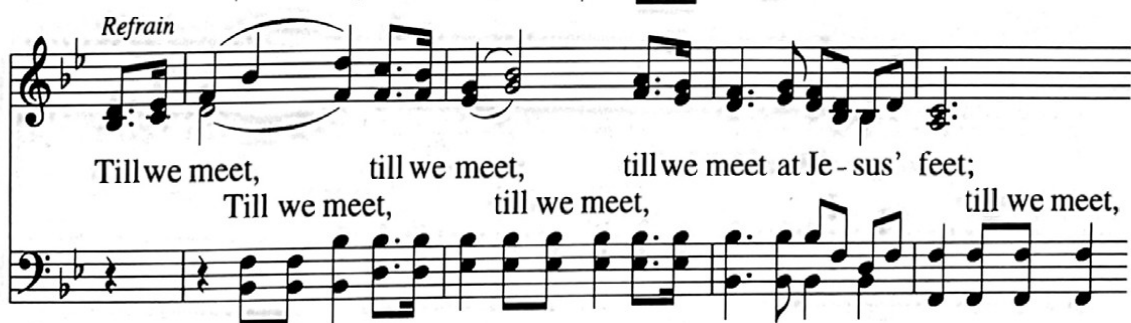
1.- 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;



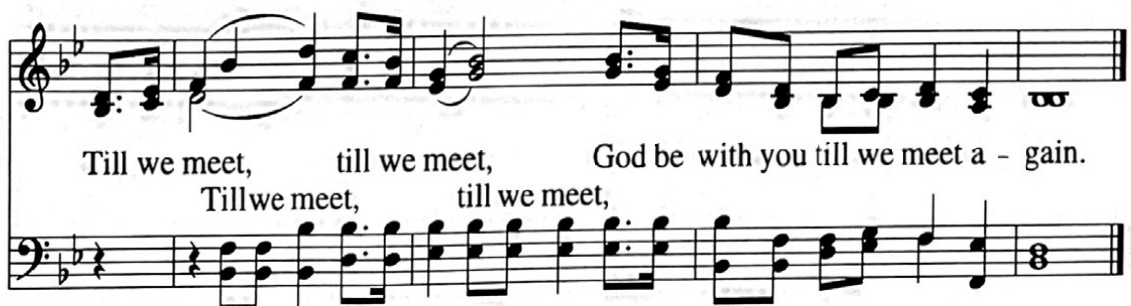
lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's
un - der wings, pro - tect - ing, hide you, dai - ly man - na
when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing



care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.



Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet,



Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Till we meet, till we meet,

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

Rankin was pastor of First Congregational Church in Washington DC when he wrote this Christian farewell.

GOD BE WITH YOU
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