



**Peacham Congregational Church
Coffeehouse Service- October 28, 2025
Lay Leader: Rick Witt – Speaker: Abbey Pollender**

Announcements

Prelude/Opening Music- Carolyn Deasy

Opening Prayer

Hymn- #S-14 – Open My Eyes (Supplement in front part of Hymnal)

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response Hear or prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
Incline your ear to us,
And Grant us your peace. Amen.

Story- by Arthur Callahan read by Patty Gardner

Hymn- #7 – Joyful, Joyful

Offering- please leave gifts in basket at rear of social hall

Unison Prayer of Dedication: **Lord, we thank you for all that you have given us; as we present our offerings, we recognize that they are a way to give back and share your blessings with others. Amen**

Doxology

**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.**

Message- Abbey Pollender, an interactive conversation about personal faith and nurturing our personal faith in chaotic times

Hymn- #493 – In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Unison Benediction (John M. Drescher, adapted)

**We came to gather together;
Let us go now to serve.
We have been given light;
Let us go now to let it shine.
We have been blessed with God's love;
Let us go now to share that love
With everyone we meet.
Amen.**

Postlude/Closing Music- Carolyn Deasy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please consider signing up to provide a coffee hour. Have a friend help you. There is a sign-up sheet on the table.

Council meeting right after the service today

Upcoming Services:

10/5/25	Susan Chandler, Carol Fox-Communion
10/12/25	Lynne Lawson w/Lyn Burns, Episcopalian Minister
10/19/25	Nicole Klosterman – Musician: Jeff Fellingner
10/26/25	Nicole Klosterman

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

CONVENE

PRAYER

REVIEW OF AGENDA

REPORTS

Deacons (not including Transition—see below under Old Business)
Business Committee, Treasurer and Collector
Mission Committee
Other Committees and Reports
Council Chair's Report

OLD BUSINESS

Transition/Search/Interim (report)

Third Century Capital Campaign

- Report on Status/Joint Committee's Work
- Adoption of Amended Policy on Acceptance of Gifts (policy attached)

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Appeal

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - 'ry - where; o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare

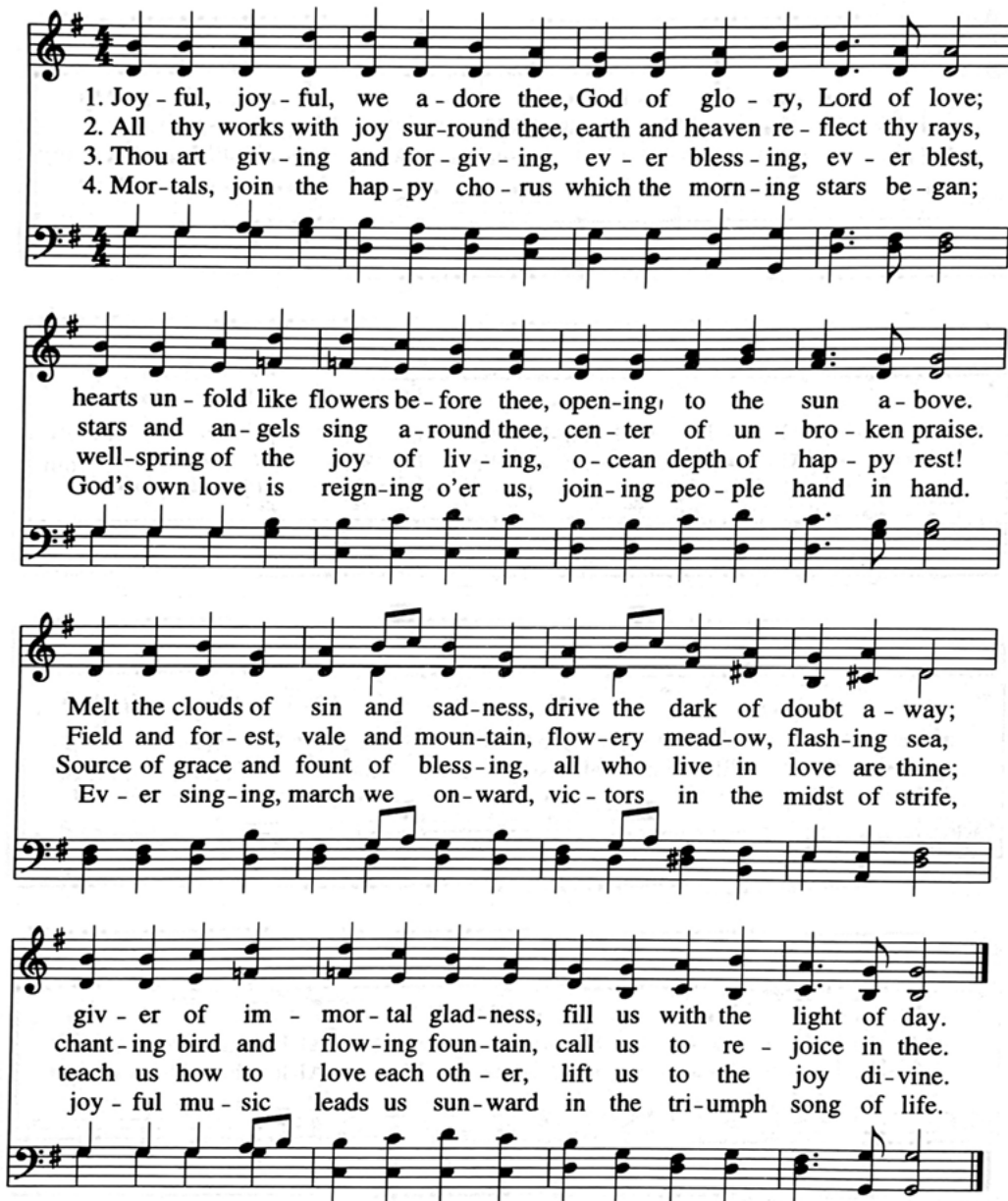
that shall un - clasp, and set me free. Si - lent - ly now I
 ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see;
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o - pen my eyes, - il - lu - mine me, spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, - il - lu - mine me, spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, - il - lu - mine me, spir - it di - vine!

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open-ing, to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing peo - ple hand in hand.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Source of grace and fount of bless-ing, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1864

Henry van Dyke was ordained a Congregational minister, but his varied life included teaching and writing at Princeton and a critical 1913-1916 ambassadorship to Luxembourg and The Netherlands.

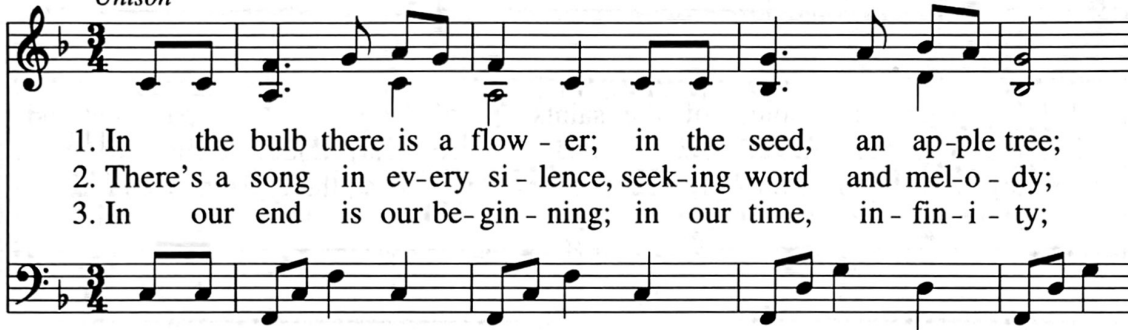
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PRAISE TO GOD

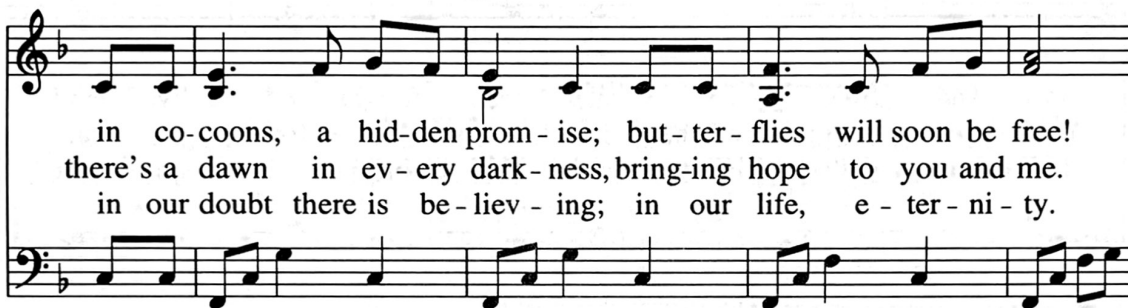
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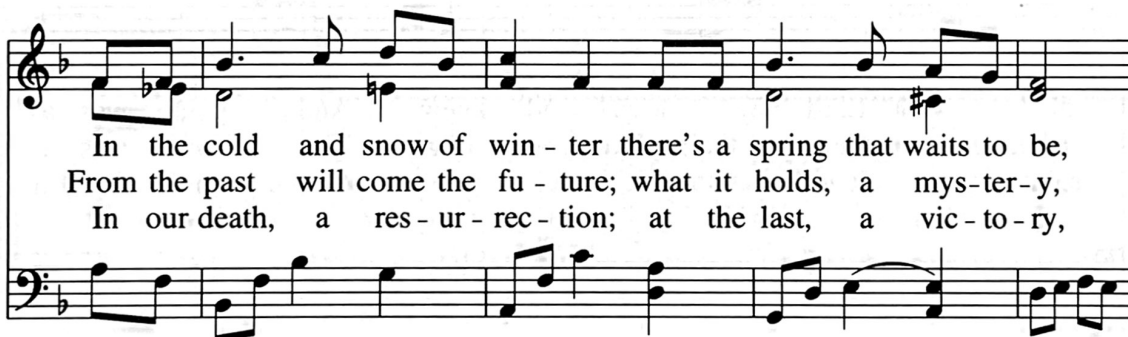
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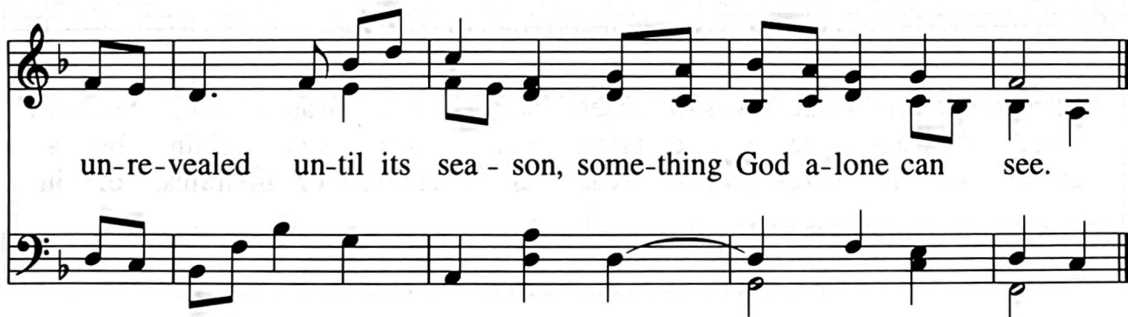
1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si - lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be-gin - ning; in our time, in - fin-i - ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom - ise; but-ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be-liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un-re-vealed un-til its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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Sleeth was a well-known author/composer of numerous anthems for children and adults.
 This hymn was dedicated to her husband, Methodist minister Ronald Sleeth.

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