

Peacham Congregational Church

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Lay Leader: Rick Witt, Sermon: 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

Order of Worship
July 12, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship

The voice of our Beloved calls to us: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away."

For the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone!

The flowers are springing up from the earth, and the season of singing has returned:

The fig tree puts forth its fruit, and the blossoming vines fill the air with fragrance.

Come, let us leave the shadows and step into the light of God's perfect love.

Let us answer the call of our Beloved and worship the Lord together with joyful hearts!

Opening Hymn #80: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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

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

We return to you, God, what is your own, for all we have comes from your bounty and enriches our lives. Grant us grace with these outward offerings to present ourselves willingly before you, dedicated anew to your service in the spirit of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn #380: "We Are Not Our Own"

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Sermon: "Our embodied and embedded selves" – John Morris

Closing Hymn #386: "We Are One In the Spirit"

Benediction

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

Postlude

Announcements

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Thanks to Nancy Toney for providing music in Bruce's absence.

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Brad and Nancy Toney.

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:

- July 19 – Nancy Fowler
- July 26 – Lay Service

Information about Peacham Congregational Church

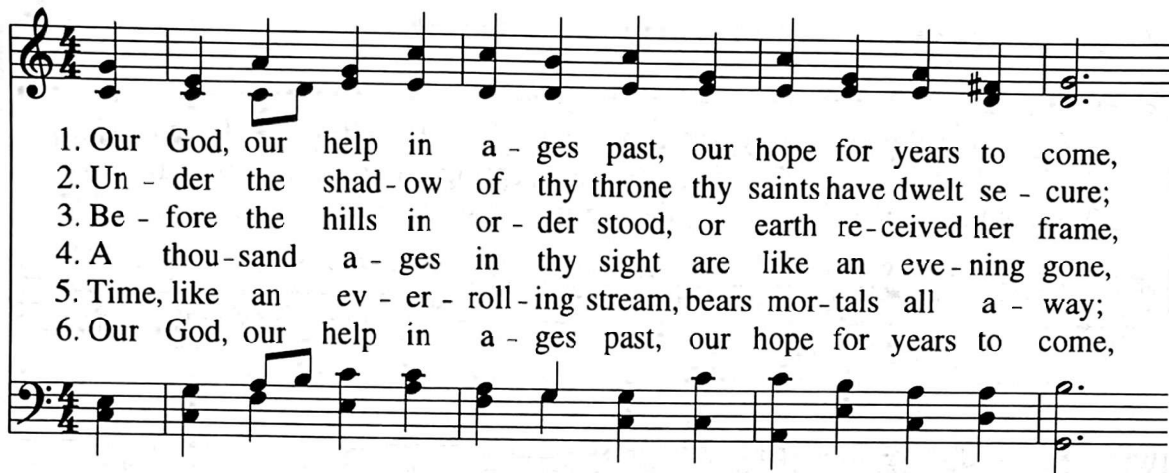
Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

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

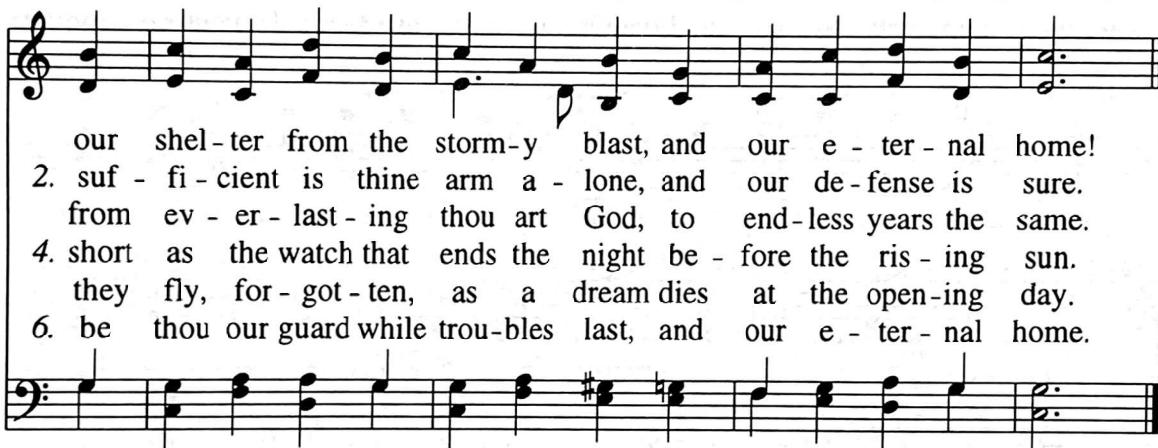
For general inquiries, email information@peachamchurch.org

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

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



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;
 6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
 6. be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

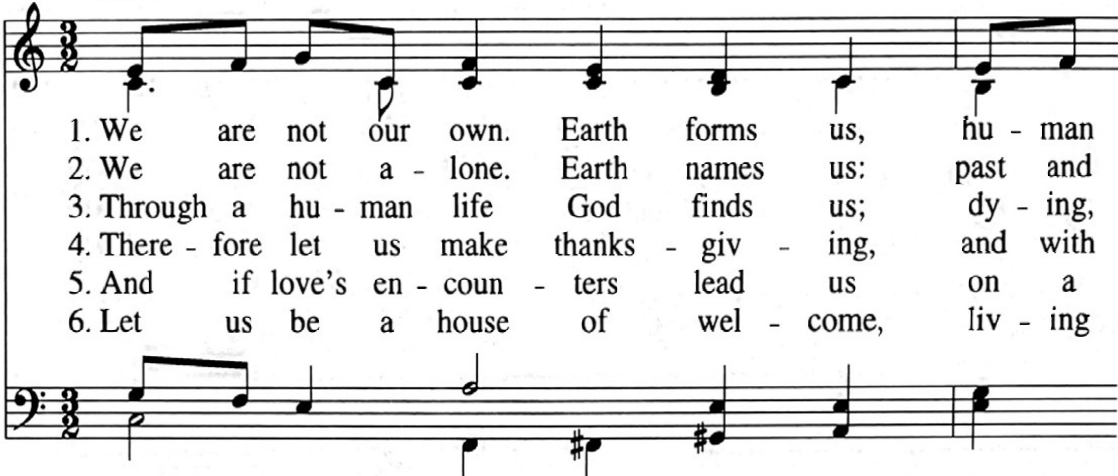
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Watts wrote this hymn, based on Psalm 90, while serving as pastor of Mark Lane Independent (Congregational) Church in London.

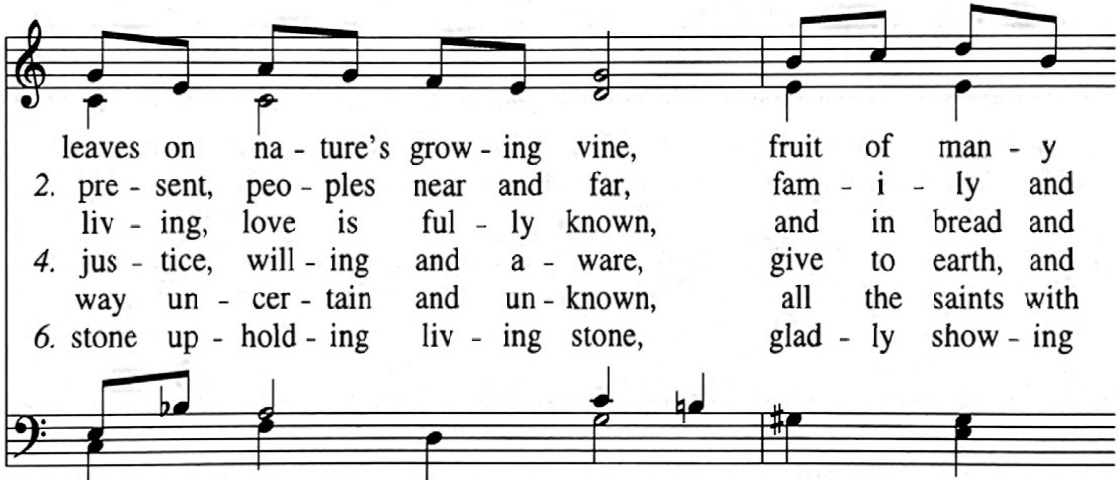
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

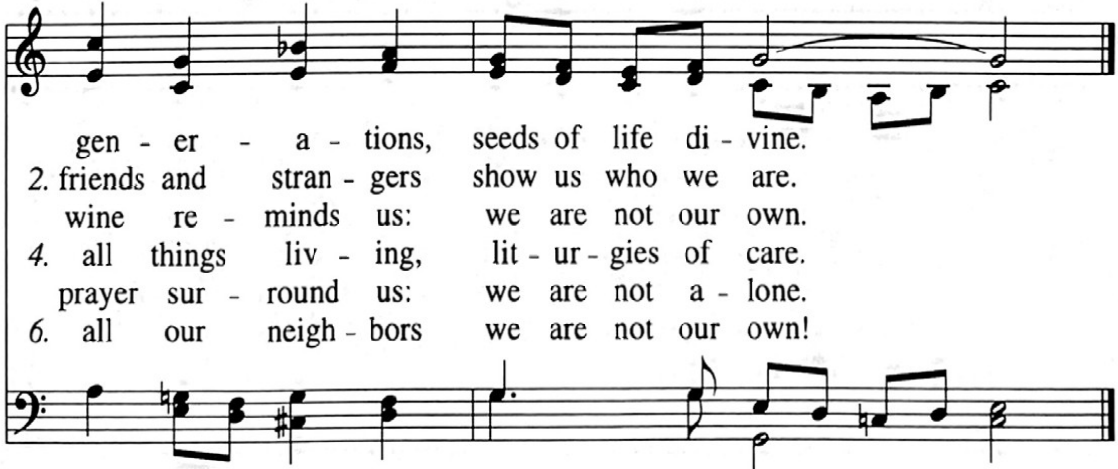
— Psalm 46:1-7, NRSV, adapted

Unison


1. We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu - man
 2. We are not a - lone. Earth names us: past and
 3. Through a hu - man life God finds us; dy - ing,
 4. There - fore let us make thanks - giv - ing, and with
 5. And if love's en - coun - ters lead us on a
 6. Let us be a house of wel - come, liv - ing



leaves on na - ture's grow - ing vine, fruit of man - y
 2. pre - sent, peo - ples near and far, fam - i - ly and
 liv - ing, love is ful - ly known, and in bread and
 4. jus - tice, will - ing and a - ware, give to earth, and
 way un - cer - tain and un - known, all the saints with
 6. stone up - hold - ing liv - ing stone, glad - ly show - ing



gen - er - a - tions, seeds of life di - vine.
 2. friends and stran - gers show us who we are.
 wine re - minds us: we are not our own.
 4. all things liv - ing, lit - ur - gies of care.
 prayer sur - round us: we are not a - lone.
 6. all our neigh - bors we are not our own!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1987

MUSIC: Brian Wren, 1987; harm. Fred Graham, 1987

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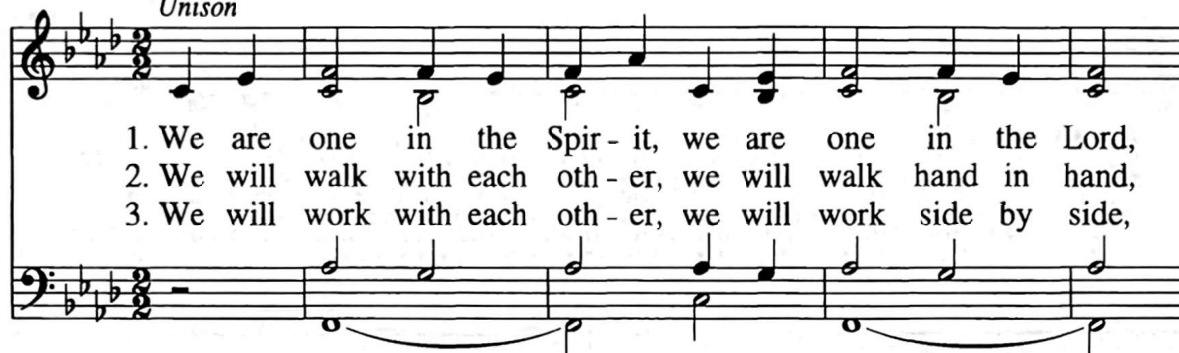
With twelve hymn texts included, United Reformed Church minister Brian Wren is this hymnal's most frequent contributor.

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We Are One in the Spirit

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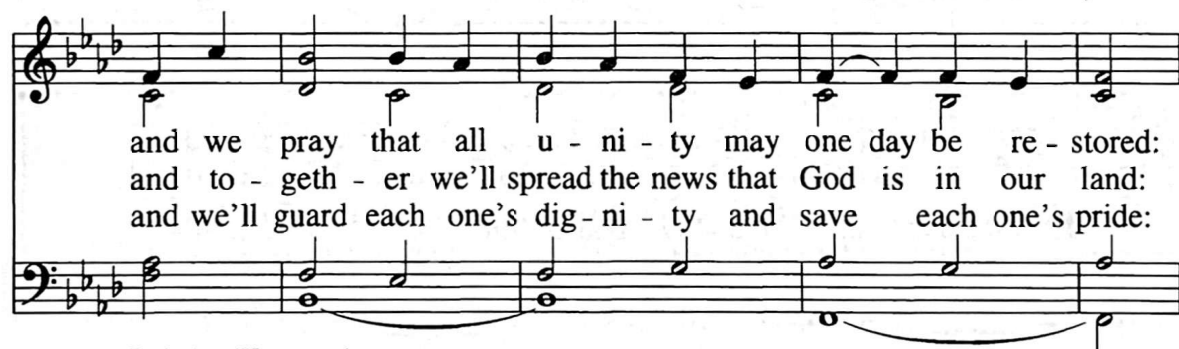
Unison



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,

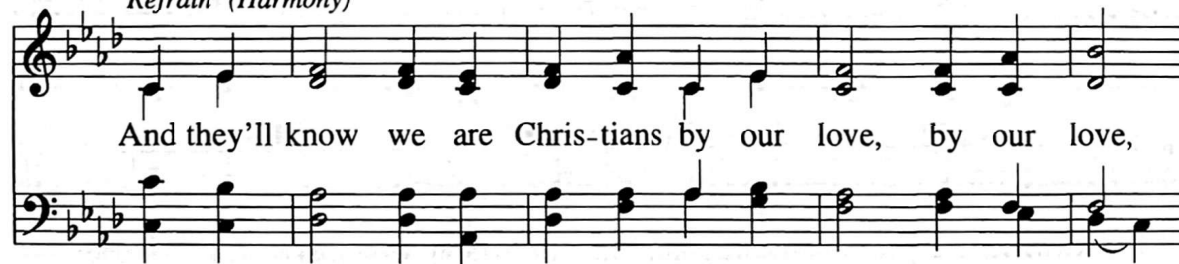


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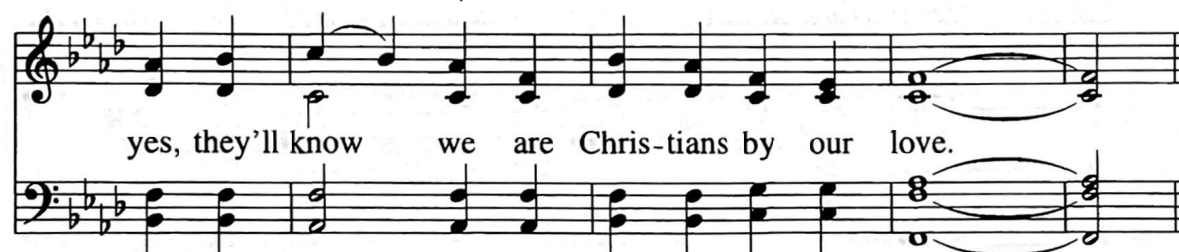


and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:

Refrain (Harmony)



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,



yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

This is the promise as well as a reminder that the way we live
 in the world is our expression of the gospel message.

ST. BRENDAN'S
 76.76.86 w. refrain

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