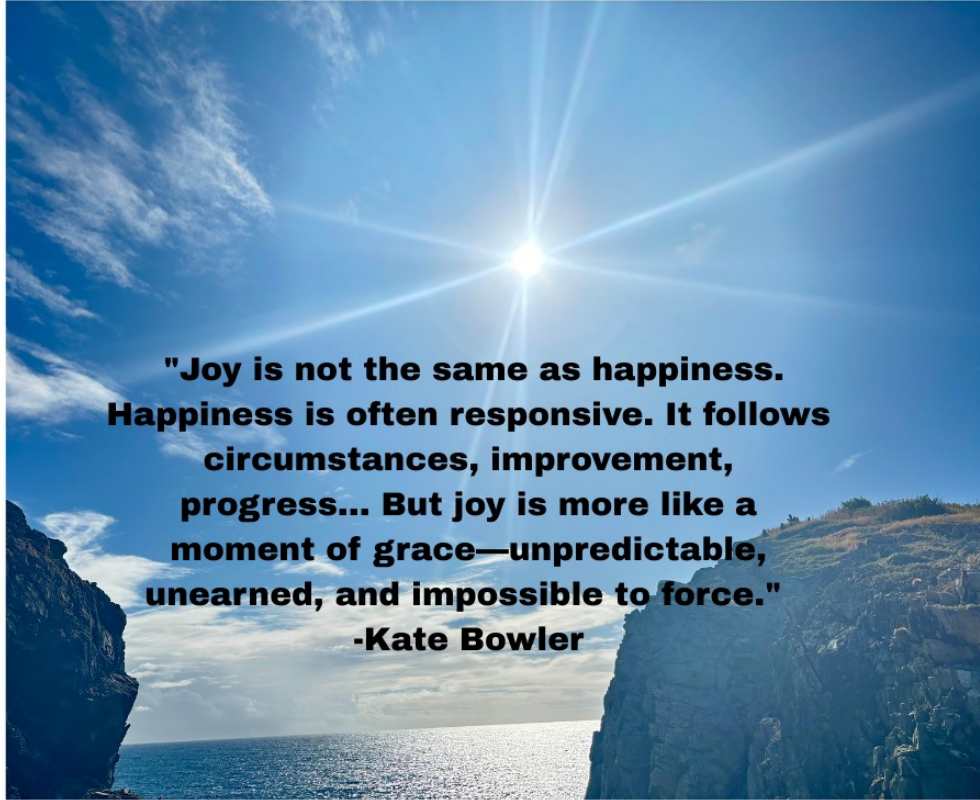


Peacham Congregational Church

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Guest Leader: Nancy Fowler

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 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Thought

God, bind our joy to peace in home, church, and nation.

Teach us to sing, to clap our hands, to expect that what is green and living and hopeful will grow in our lives, and that all that is sharp and painful may soften to your love. Amen.

Prelude: "Contemplation in D Minor" JS Bach

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship

The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.

The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!

The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

Unison Invocation

God of grace and love, We rely on Your love extended to us in all ways and at all times, extravagantly and with generosity. We live day by day knowing that Your care and concern is poured out for us in Your provision for our needs and beyond our imagining. You entrust us with the gift of the good news of the Gospel and invite us to be partners in the sharing of the message of grace. Day by day, we realize the many gifts lavished upon us. We come to You to acknowledge and praise You for all Your goodness to us. Amen.

Opening Hymn #7: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore."

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 #54: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 30: 1-5; 11-12

Sermon: "Joy is both a gift and a task" – Nancy Fowler

Closing Hymn #472: "I Would Be True"

Benediction

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

Postlude: "Summertime" G. Gershwin

Announcements

July 19, 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. 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 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

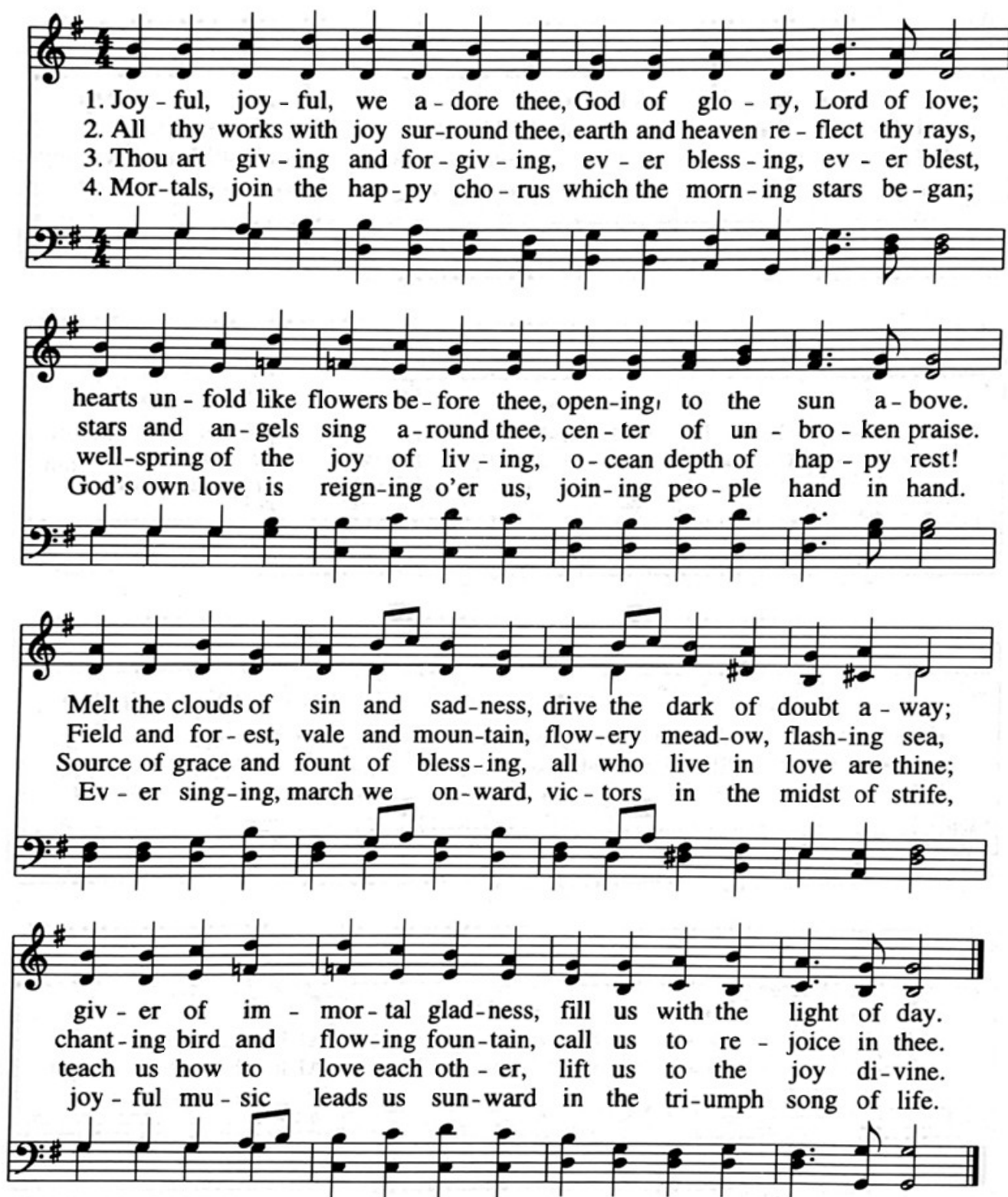
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Church Admin.....	Patty Gardner	Treasurer.....	Bruce Westcott
Collector.....	Ann Goss	Accompanist	Bruce Westcott
Sexton.....	Jeff Lane	Web Ministry.....	Jonathan R. Potter
Church Council President & Moderator	John Marshall		

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

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

HYMN TO JOY
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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.

PRAISE TO GOD

For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5. For each per-fect gift of thine un-to us so free-ly given,



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 grac-es, hu-man and di-vine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

WORDS: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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Originally written as a joyful communion hymn, Pierpoint's text had as its refrain, 'Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.'

I Would Be True

1. I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
 2. I would be friend of all—the foe, the friend-less;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;
 I would be giving, and forget the gift;

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
 I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare,
 I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
 I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

WORDS: Howard Arnold Walter, 1906

MUSIC: Joseph Yates Peek, 1909

This hymn was written by Walter when he was twenty-three years old, serving as a Congregational missionary in Japan.

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PILGRIMAGE AND PERSEVERANCE