

Peacham Congregational Church

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Coffee House Service

Bruce Maclean – Mississippi Photos & Commentary

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 26, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Words from Mississippi

Mississippi is a profound union of deep cultural contradictions, defined by rich artistic roots, warm hospitality, and persistent economic and historical struggles. Visitors and residents often experience a landscape of lush green forests, slow-paced charm, and complex truths.

Known globally as the birthplace of the blues, and a foundational hub for gospel, jazz, and rock-and-roll through legends like B.B. King and Elvis Presley.

The landscapes of the Magnolia State pair ordinariness with beauty, magic with madness, and mystery with magnificence.

As William Faulkner, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author, stands as one of the most influential figures in American literature, is said to have observed, "To understand the world, you must first understand a place like Mississippi."

Prelude: "At Last" Warren & Gordon (1942)

Opening Hymn #476: "We Shall Overcome" Vs. 1-3

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Hymn #476: "We Shall Overcome" Vs. 4-6

Closing Words

If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character,
There will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.
So let it be.

Postlude: "St. Louis Blues" W.C. Handy (1914)

Announcements

July 26, 2026

In lieu of a Peacham service, on August 23rd we are invited to St. Johnsbury for an ecumenical service at the United Community Church. Weather permitting, we will gather on the south Church St. lawn at 10 a.m. to celebrate and share the message "A Nation of Many Faiths." This annual gathering of faith communities acknowledges all who seek connection with a higher spiritual power and stands in opposition to the tide of supposed Christian nationalism. Leaders or representatives of faith communities are encouraged to share reading, scripture, or prayer that expands our understanding of your community's faith journey. A message for the day will be offered by Pastor Lahoma Howard. Music and community singing will be led by the St. J. Jazz. Quartet. Those attending are encouraged to **bring their own comfortable lawn chairs** though folding chairs will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary of United Community Church.

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 2 – Steve Winkler (Communion)

August 9 – Lay Service

August 16 – Nancy Fowler

August 23 - St. Johnsbury United Community Church Service

August 30 – Susan Chandler

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

hung our harps up - on a wil-low, mourned for Zi - on when we slept.
 so we sat with star-ing vi - sion, and the days were hard and long.
 Can our voic - es veil the sor-row? O God, hold your ho - ly band.
 by the pow'r of res-ur-rec-tion loose them from cap - tiv - i - ty.

We Shall Overcome

476

1. We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,

we shall o - ver - come some day; Oh, deep in my

heart, I do be - lieve, we shall o - ver - come some day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand.

4. God will see us through.

3. We are not afraid . . . today.

5. Truth shall make us free.

6. We shall live in peace.

WORDS: United States traditional

MUSIC: United States traditional, harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

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Its true origins uncertain, this song emerged in labor union battles in the 1940's to become the hymn of the USA civil rights movement of the 1960's and 1970's.

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