

Peacham Congregational Church

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"The church must be reminded that it is not the master or servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state." Martin Luther King Jr.

Guest Leader: Rev. Jay Sprout

We are an Open and Affirming Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

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**Order of Worship
July 5, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Meditation, Love & Devotion" Louis Drumheller (1854-1936)

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship

Welcome! In the name of God, welcome.

The arms of God are stretched out wide, ready to embrace us with love.

You who are thirsty for the presence of God, welcome.

May our thirst be satisfied.

You who are longing for a caring touch, welcome.

May we know God's love through the care of this community.

In the name of God, welcome to all.

Let us drink deeply of God's presence and share this grace with one another.

Opening Hymn #250: "Here in This Place"

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 #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

You welcome us, O God, with abundant grace. Your welcome comes in community, in creation's beauty, and love's joy. So may we welcome others, through our relationships and in the joy of love's offering. Amen.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Message: "The Real Superpower" – Rev. Jay Sprout

Hymn #462: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Sung Invitation (responsive) – "Morning Has Broken"

Leader: May God be with you!

Congregation: **And with you also!**

Leader: Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.

Congregation: **We come together at the Lord's table, to taste salvation, fresh from the Word.**

Communion Prayer

Song of Adoration – "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy, God beyond our seeing,
thoughts and ways above the sky, and deeper than the sea.
God so far beyond us, yet closer than breathing:
come now among us at our holy feast!**

Words of Institution – On the Night

Communion is Served

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of the body of Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of the bread and the cup. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn – America the Beautiful

Benediction

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

Postlude: “Americana”

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed all grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

Announcements July 5, 2026

This week's coffee hour is hosted by Melissa Hough. Brad and Nancy Toney will host next week.

Today's Communion is served by deacons: Carolyn Deasy and Bruce Maclean.

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. Please bring your ideas! 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 12 – John Morris
- 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
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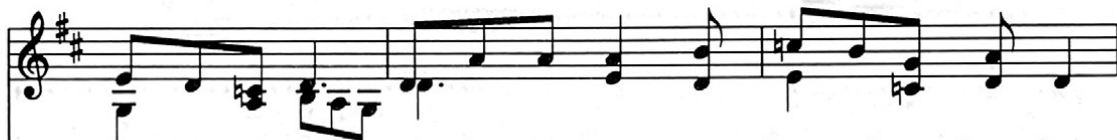
Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy,
Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

Here in This Place

(Gather Us In)

Unison

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, now the dark night has
2. We are the young- our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
3. Here we re-ceive new life in your wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.



WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981, alt.

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Marty Haugen is a member of Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis MN, where he is composer-in-residence.

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Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Come into this place of peace
 and let its silence heal your spirit;
 Come into this place of memory
 and let its history warm your soul;
 Come into this place of prophecy and power
 and let its vision change your heart.

— William F. Schultz

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 462

1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from wom - an's
 4. The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
 5. O Je - sus, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 6. Till all on earth shall learn your love, and fol - low

cries of clan and race, a - bove the noise of self - ish
 2. thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of
 grief, man's bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from sor - rows'
 4. fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti - tudes to
 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less throngs a -
 6. where your feet have trod, till glo - rious from your heaven a -

strife, we hear your voice, we see your face.
 2. greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 4. view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.
 bide, O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
 6. bove, shall come the cit - y of our God.

WORDS: Frank Mason North, 1903, alt.
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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A Methodist pastor and missions executive, Frank Mason North wrote this 'missionary hymn for the city' for the 1905 *Methodist Hymnal*. He took inspiration for the opening line from Matthew 22:9.