

Peacham Congregational Church

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Guest Leader: 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.

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Order of Worship June 14, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Thought

On August 3, 1944, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote to his friend Eberhard Bethge from his cell in Tegel Prison: "I'm enclosing the outline for a book that I've planned. I hope I shall be given the peace and strength to finish it. The church must come out of its stagnation. We must move out again into the open air of intellectual discussion with the world, and risk saying controversial things, if we are to get down to the serious problems of life."

- "Bonhoeffer's Legacy, The Christian Way In a World Without Religion" by Edwin Robertson

Lighting of the Candles

Prelude: "By Gracious Powers" set to Antiphoner (1681), lyrics in Hymnal 100

Responsive Call to Worship

Come, walk with the Lord this day.

We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. Amen.

Opening Hymn #469: "A Mighty Fortress is God"

Opening Prayer

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

Creator, receive these offerings as we dedicate them to you and your kingdom. Magnify them and continue to bless us so that we may collectively meet the needs and hopes of our community and world. Amen

Hymn: "By Gracious Power" (#100) sung to the tune of "How Great Thou Art"
(#S-3) – see back cover

Message: "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Nazi Resister, Martyr"

Closing Hymn #477: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Unison Benediction

The Good Shepherd leads us forward, from this place, into the world to serve God's people, to witness to God's love in all that we do. Go in peace and God's peace will go with you. Amen.

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

Postlude: "Valse-Ballet" Erik Satie (1885)

Resources used:

https://ministrymatters.com/2021-03-22_worship_connection_fourth_sunday_of_easter_b/ by Nancy Townley

Hymn #100 – By Gracious Power – Words: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944, translated by Fred Pratt Green, 1972

Music: Herbert G. Hobbs, 1976, harm. Jan Helmut Wubbena, 1976

The text was written with serene confidence, in the Gestapo jail cell from which theologian and leader of the German opposition Bonhoeffer would emerge only for his 1945 execution.

Announcements June 14, 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 are still finalizing the topic for next Sunday, June 21st. We will announce today during the worship service today what we will be talking about. Please bring your ideas! If you're unable to attend, questions or comments may be shared at peachammeetinghouse.org/contact.

Our 2nd quarter mission is Heifer International. Heifer International believes that ending hunger and poverty begins with agriculture. Starting with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture given to a family, Heifer mentors that family in building a business and gaining access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living and continuously support their communities as they train the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and female business owners.

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:

- June 21 - Ed Nilson "Have a Little Faith" (Father's Day)
- June 28 - Ken Vos "Choose Life"

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

“By Gracious Power” sung to the tune of “How Great Thou Art”

By gracious powers so wonderful-ly sheltered,
And confident-ly waiting, come what may,
We know that God is with us night and morning,
And never fails to greet us each new day.

Refrain: Then sings my soul my savior God to thee,
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art.

Then sings my soul to thee,
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation
For which, O God, you taught us to prepare.

Refrain: Then sings my soul my savior God to thee...

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
With bitter suff'ring, hard to understand,
We take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Refrain: Then sings my soul my savior God to thee...

Yet when we gain in this same world you give us
The joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
We shall remember all the days we lived through,
And our whole life shall then be yours alone.

Then sings my soul my savior God to thee,
Refrain: How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art...

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

WORDS: Carl Boberg, 1859-1940; trans. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody arr. Stuart K. Hine

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Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee;

how great thou art! how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art! how great thou art!

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go S 4

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai-ly la-bor to pur-sue,
 2. The task thy wis-dom hath as-signed, O let me cheer-ful-ly ful-fill,
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my in-most sub-stance see,
 4. Give me to bear thy eas-y yoke, and ev-ery mo-ment watch and pray,

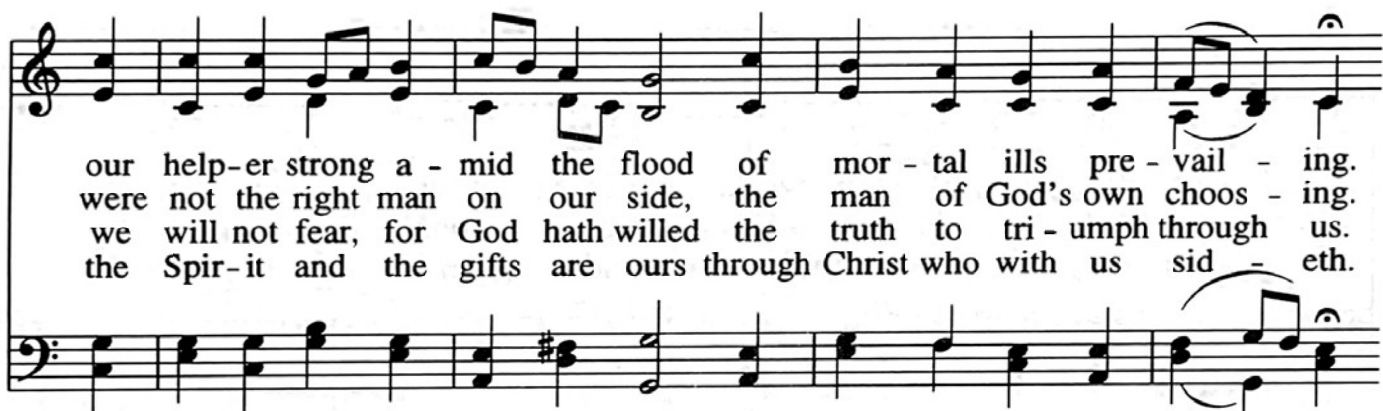
thee, on-ly thee, re-solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
 in all my works thy pre-sence find, and prove thy good and per-fect will.
 and la-bor on at thy com-mand, and of-fer all my works to thee.
 and still to things e-ter-nal look, and has-ten to thy glo-rious day.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

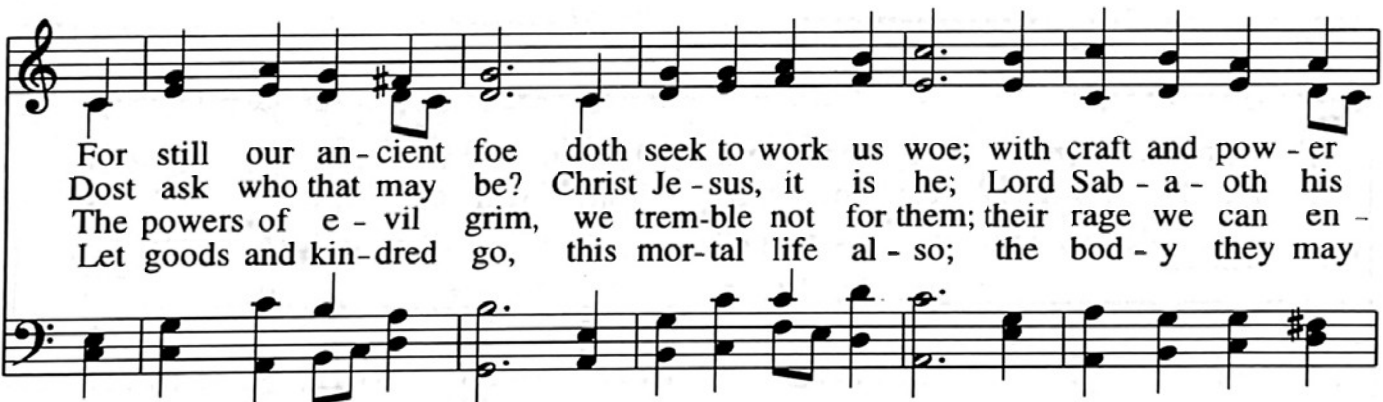
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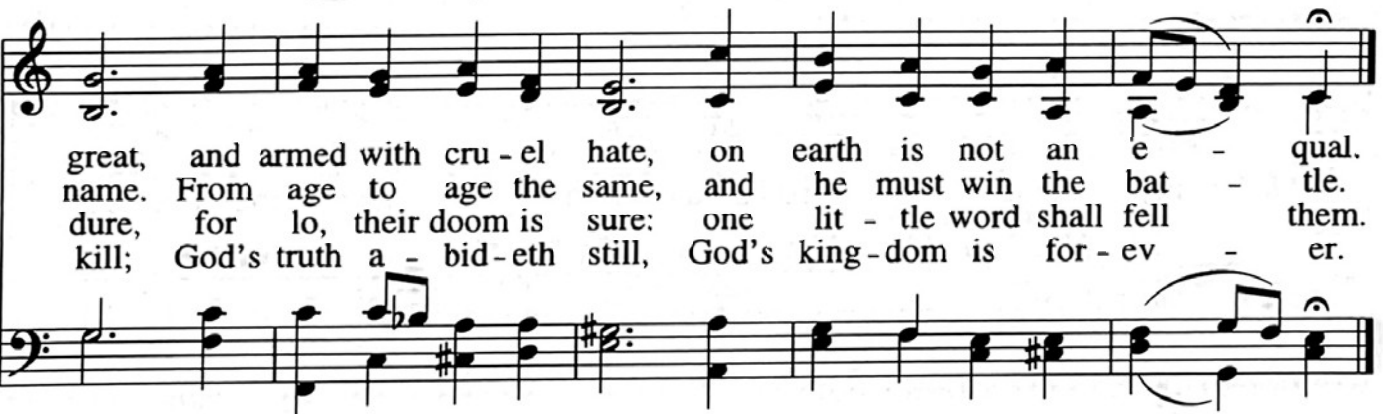
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



our help - er strong a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Christ who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; with craft and pow - er
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not an e - qual.
 name. From age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for - ev - er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852, alt.; st. 3 alt. Ruth Duck, 1981
 MUSIC: Melody Martin Luther, c. 1529

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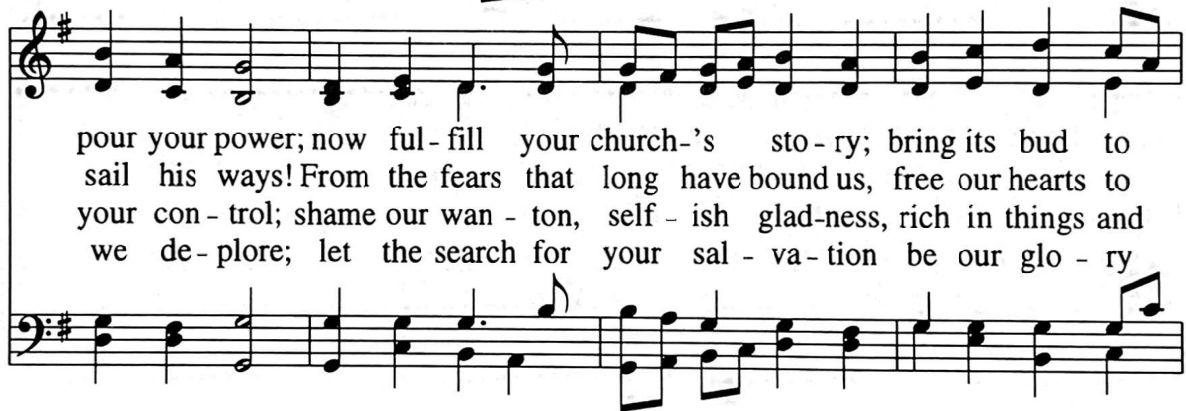
Based on Psalm 46, this hymn by Martin Luther was probably inspired by the 1529 meeting that gave birth to the word 'Protestant.' Luther wrote or edited thirty-seven hymns and many hymn tunes.

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God of Grace and God of Glory



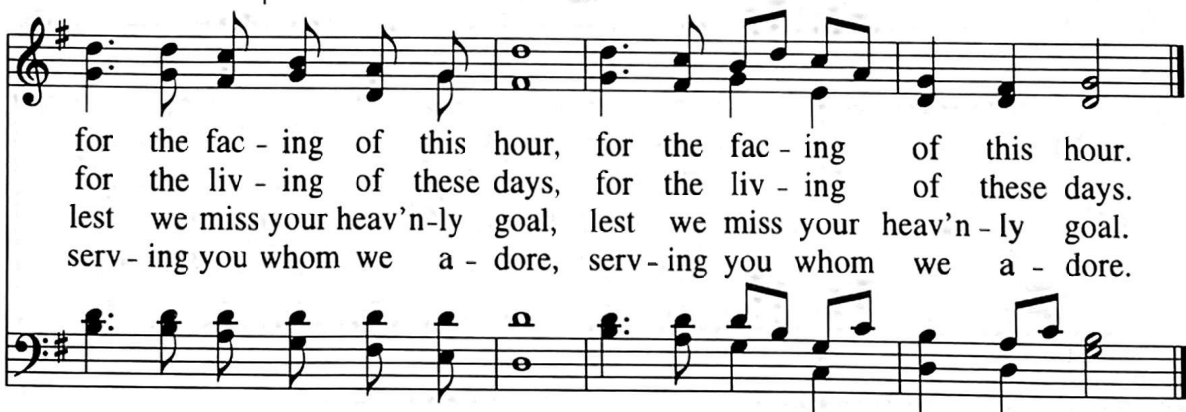
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
 3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; now ful - fill your church - 's sto - ry; bring its bud to
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry



glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your heav'n - ly goal, lest we miss your heav'n - ly goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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'Positive thinker' Fosdick wrote this hymn for the dedication of
 Riverside Church, New York City, of which he was the minister.

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