

Peacham Congregational Church

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Guest Leader: Ed Nilson

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 21, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Allegretto" from "Rhapsodie on a Theme for Pentecost" William Faulkes (1905)

Lighting of the Candles

Centering Thought

I won't revel in the fall of others, I won't laugh with the unkind; Instead I'll clear a path for mercy. I'll stand for what is true. I'll grace the earth with meekness, until we are all made whole, made new.

- Laura Toggs

Responsive Call to Worship

You open the gates of heaven, O God, and we catch sight of your eternal order.

Your way of peace is made known in Jesus, who announces the dawn of a new age;

You know of our needs before we pray — and by your grace we greet this new day;

As we continue to dwell in your mercy, we thank you for your sustaining presence;

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit — Helper, Guide, Comforter;

Help us to become what you want us to be — may we find our way with you;

Grant what may be best for us, this day and always, we pray;

And lead us and guide us in the ways we should go — thanks be to God!

Unison Invocation

“Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.”

- Reinhold Niebuhr

Opening Hymn #423: “Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom”

Unison Invocation:

"We have it in us to be Jesus to each other... We have it in us to work miracles of love and healing, as well as to have them worked upon us. We have it in us to once in a while, maybe even to grieve with some measure of Jesus' grief at another's pain, and to rejoice with some measure of Jesus' rejoicing at another's joy, almost as if it were our own. And who knows but that in the end... Jesus' story will come true in us at last."

- Frederick Buechner, Telling Secrets

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 #382: "The House of Faith"

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21 & Matthew 10:29-36 and 39

Message: "Have a Little Faith" – Ed Nilson

Closing Hymn #418: "Faith of Our Fathers"

Responsive Benediction

With Hagar, Sarah, and Abraham, we thank you for life;

Help us as you helped them in all the challenges we face;

In Isaac we hear "laughter," in Ishmael we know "God will hear;"

We are also on a journey through life, and help us to have a little faith;

Let us find our faith in you who cares for sparrows and knows us by name —

With God's help, we will live faithful lives this week, and always!

Our worship concludes; our service continues.

Thanks be to God!

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

Postlude: "Gavotte in D" J.S. Bach

Announcements June 21, 2026

The Church will be selling strawberry shortcakes on July 4th. Volunteers are needed for prep ahead of the event and to help sell them from 10 am to 1 pm on July 4th. More details to follow.

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 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 28 – Ken Vos, “Choose Life”
- July 5 – Jay Sprout (Communion)
- 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

God will ful - fil in ev - ery part each prom - ise that was made.
 God's mer - cy holds a wis - er plan than you can ful - ly know.
 and nei - ther life nor death can pluck us chil - dren from God's hands.
 un - til I rest, heart, mind and soul, the cap - tive of your grace.

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom 423

1. Faith, while trees are still in blos - som, plans the
 2. Long be - fore the dawn is break - ing, faith an -
 3. Faith, up - lift - ed, tamed the wa - ter of the
 4. Faith be - lieves that God is faith - ful: God will

pick - ing of the fruit; faith can feel the thrill of
 ti - ci - pates the sun. Faith is ea - ger for the
 un - di - vid - ed sea, and the peo - ple of the
 be what God will be! Faith ac - cepts the call, re -

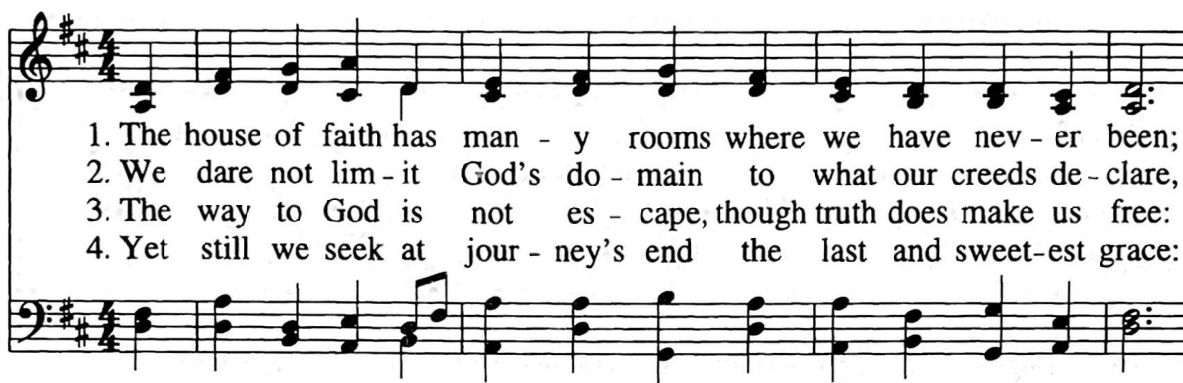
har - vest when the buds be - gin to sprout.
 day - light, for the work that must be done.
 He - brews found the path that made them free.
 spond - ing, "I am will - ing, God, send me."

WORDS: Anders Frostenson, 1960; tr. Fred Kaan, 1972, alt.
 MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1960

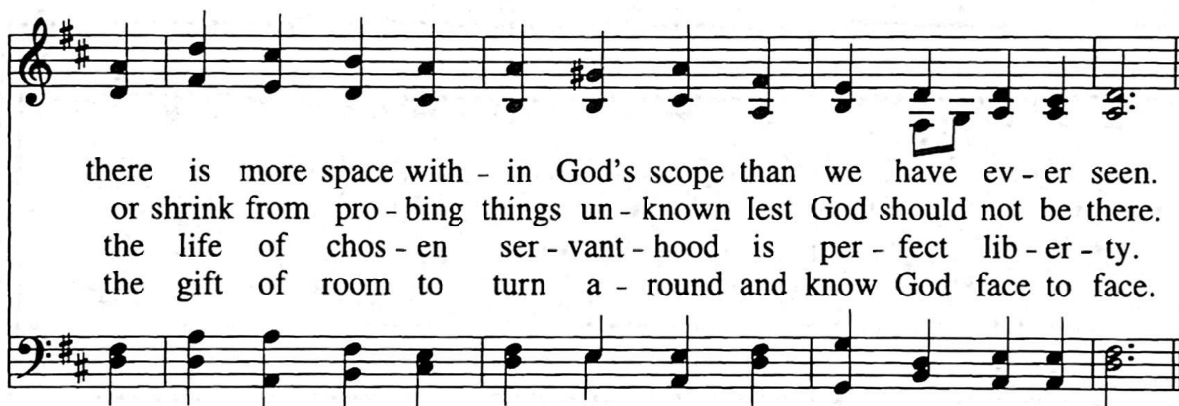
FOR THE BREAD
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Lutheran Anders Frostenson has led a movement to revitalize Swedish hymnody. Here he uses images from nature to talk about faith in God.

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1. The house of faith has man - y rooms where we have nev - er been;
 2. We dare not lim - it God's do - main to what our creeds de - clare,
 3. The way to God is not es - cape, though truth does make us free:
 4. Yet still we seek at jour - ney's end the last and sweet - est grace:



there is more space with - in God's scope than we have ev - er seen.
 or shrink from pro - bing things un - known lest God should not be there.
 the life of chos - en ser - vant - hood is per - fect lib - er - ty.
 the gift of room to turn a - round and know God face to face.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1990

MUSIC: *Scottish Psalter*, 1615

DUNDEE
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Carl P. Daw, Jr. uses the 'many mansions' image of John 14:2 to bring us into thought about how God is at work in ways we may not anticipate.

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Here We Gather as God's People

Here we gather as God's people with our friends from far and near;
 let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here.
 Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends.
 Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

WORDS: Daniel B. Merrick, 1991

MUSIC: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

NETTLETON
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Daniel Merrick was editor of the *Chalice Hymnal*, 1995 (Disciples of Christ). His gathering text is paired with an Appalachian tune.

Words © 1995 Chalice Press

1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2. Those mar - tyr, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3. Faith of our moth - ers, we will love both friend and foe in
 4. Faith of the a - ges, God's great power shall win all na - tions

fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free, and blest would be their chil - dren's fate,
 all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
 un - to thee, and through the truth that comes from God,

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our fa - thers,
 if we, like them, should die for thee. Faith of the mar - tyr,
 by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life. Faith of our moth - ers,
 all souls will then in - deed be free. Faith of the a - ges,

ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1849, alt.
 MUSIC: Henri F. Hemy, 1864; adapt. James G. Walton, 1874

ST. CATHERINE
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From a Protestant Huguenot upbringing Frederick Faber was led by Henry Newman and the English Oxford Movement into the Roman Catholic Church. His original version read, 'Faith of our Fathers! Mary's prayers shall keep our country fast to thee.'