

Peacham Congregational Church

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Choose LIFE

Deuteronomy 30:19

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 28, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Earthen Vessels" John Foley, SJ

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship

The word of God is not too difficult for us, nor is it far away.

It is not in the heavens above, nor is it across the sea.

No, the Word is very near to us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts, so that we may hear it and obey.

Today, the Lord sets before us life and prosperity, death and adversity.

God calls heaven and earth as witnesses to our choice. Therefore, choose life!

We choose to love the Lord our God, to walk in His ways, and to hold fast to Him.

For the Lord is our life, and our length of days.

Let us worship and choose life together!

Opening Hymn #367: "Break Not the Circle" Vs. 1-2

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 #367: "Break Not the Circle" Vs. 3-4

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:11-19

Message: "Choose Life!" – Ken Vos

Closing Hymn #530: "Once to Every Heart and Nation"

Benediction: by L.R. Knost

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

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

We welcome Ken Vos to deliver the message today. Ken grew up on a farm in Minnesota, attended Seminary in New Jersey, and was minister at churches in New York and New Jersey. He earned a Ph.D. in Philosophy at Columbia University and taught Philosophy at Lyndon State College for 32 years before retiring in 1999.

Announcements June 28, 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. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Patty at 413-883-2842. We will be accepting donations to offset the cost of the ingredients.

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

Break Not the Circle

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Unison

1. Break not the cir - cle of en - a - bling love, where peo - ple
2. Come, won - der at this love that comes to life, where words of
3. Come, won - der at the Lord who came and comes to teach the
4. Join then the move - ment of the love that frees, till peo - ple

grow, for - giv - en and for - giv - ing; break not that cir - cle, make it wid - er
free - dom are with hu - mor spo - ken, and peo - ple keep no score of wrong and
world the craft of hope - ful crav - ing for peace and whole - ness that will fill the
of what - ev - er race or na - tion will tru - ly be them - selves, stand on their

still, till it in - cludes, em - brac - es all the liv - ing.
guilt, but will that hu - man bonds re - main un - bro - ken.
earth; he calls his peo - ple to cre - a - tive liv - ing.
feet, see eye - to - eye with laugh - ter and e - la - tion.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Margaret R. Tucker, 1997

ROBERT

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Dutch by birth, Kaan has served English United Reformed churches. The tune ROBERT was written and named for FCC's Senior Minister (1971-1999), Robert H. Tucker, husband of the tune's composer.

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Once to Every Heart and Nation

Unison

1. Once to ev - ery heart and na - tion comes the mo - ment
 2. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Je - sus' bleed - ing
 3. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, yet 'tis truth a -

to de - cide, in the strife of truth with false - hood,
 feet I track, toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er
 lone is strong, truth for - ev - er on the scaf - fold,

for the good or e - vil side; some great cause, God's new mes - si - ah,
 with the cross that turns not back; new oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties,
 wrong for - ev - er on the throne. Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture,

of - fering each the bloom or blight, and the choice goes
 time makes an - cient good un - couth; they must up - ward
 and be - yond the shad - ow's pow'r stands the One who

WORDS: James Russell Lowell, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)
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Poet James Russell Lowell was a Harvard professor, editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*, and ambassador to Great Britain. This was a portion of a poem opposing the 1845 war with Mexico.

by for - ev - er 'twixt that dark - ness and that light.
still and on - ward, who would keep a - breast of truth.
holds us safe - ly, keep - ing watch through dark - est hour.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee 531

1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4. Our gra - cious God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,

of thee I sing; land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - ery moun - tain side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break; the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light; pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

WORDS: Samuel F. Smith, 1831, alt.
MUSIC: *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744-45

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Smith was a first-year student at Andover Theological Seminary when he wrote this text. It was first sung by children at Boston's Park Street Congregational Church, under the direction of Lowell Mason.