

Peacham Congregational Church

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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 7, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Aria in G" J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 33)

My Rejoice in the Holy One!

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with loud shouts!

Let our voices ring and sing a new song.

Let us turn toward the Creator in reverent awe.

Happy are the people who seek God's counsel, who seek God's heart, and who seek God's kingdom.

Opening Hymn #54: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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. This can be done with a smile, a wave, or a handshake, and the words, Peace be with you.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, adapted)

Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

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

**Holy God, as we worship you through our giving, we dedicate these gifts
to the work of your kingdom come and our hope that your will be done in
our community and world. Amen.**

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

Song: "Story of Isaac" Leonard Cohen

Poem: "The Parable of the Old Man and the Young" Wilfred Owen

Sermon: "God Tests Abraham"

Hymn #314: "As We Gather at Your Table"

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 Dedication

Wondrous God, we give thanks for this holy meal shared in your spirit of love. May this bread and cup be more than a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. May it be an ever-present reminder of Jesus' call to live out our holy story of grace. May this feast fill us with renewed courage, commitment, and compassion to put fear aside, risk the improbable, and transform the world. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn #518: "Turn Back, Turn Back"

Benediction

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

Postlude: "Turn Back, O' Man" (from Godspell) S. Schwartz

Announcements June 7, 2026

This week's coffee hour is hosted by Brad and Nancy Toney.

Today's Communion is served by 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. Our conversation today will focus on the Church's mission. The Mission Committee is re-imagining the quarterly missions and is looking for suggestions of local non-profit organizations to support. 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 14 - John Morris, Sermon on Bonhoeffer (Father's Day)
- June 21 - Ed Nilson "Have a Little Faith" (Father's Day)
- June 28 - Ken Vos "Choose Life"

Events:

June 13, 4:00 p.m. – John Morris – Presentation & Discussion about Dietrich Bonhoeffer – All Are welcome

June 13, 5:30 p.m. - Peacham Fire District #1 100th Birthday Party Community Supper

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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Church Council President & Moderator			John Marshall

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



For the Beauty of the Earth




1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine un - to us so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 grac - es, hu - man and di - vine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

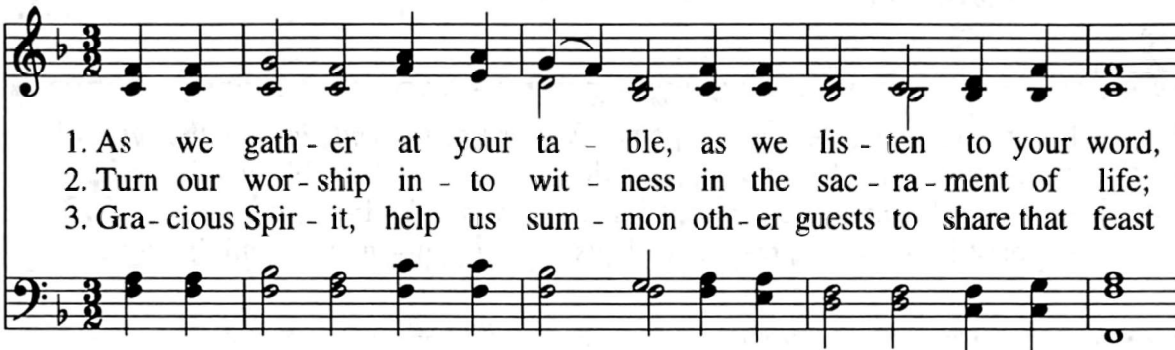
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



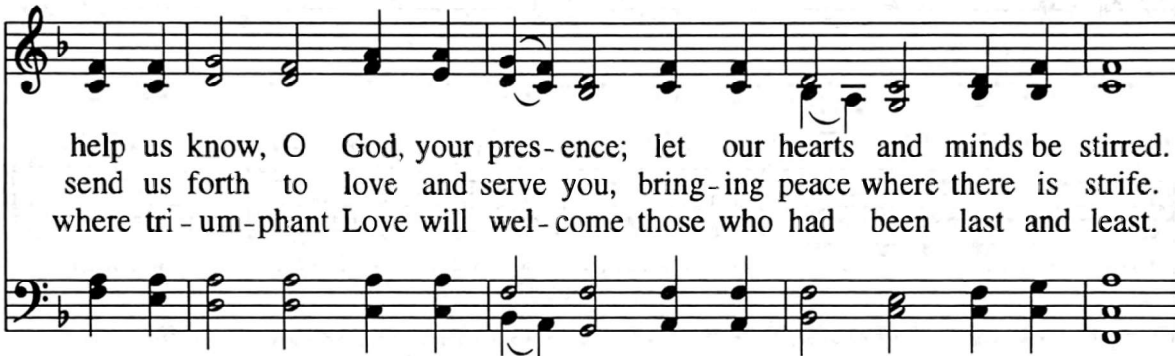
WORDS: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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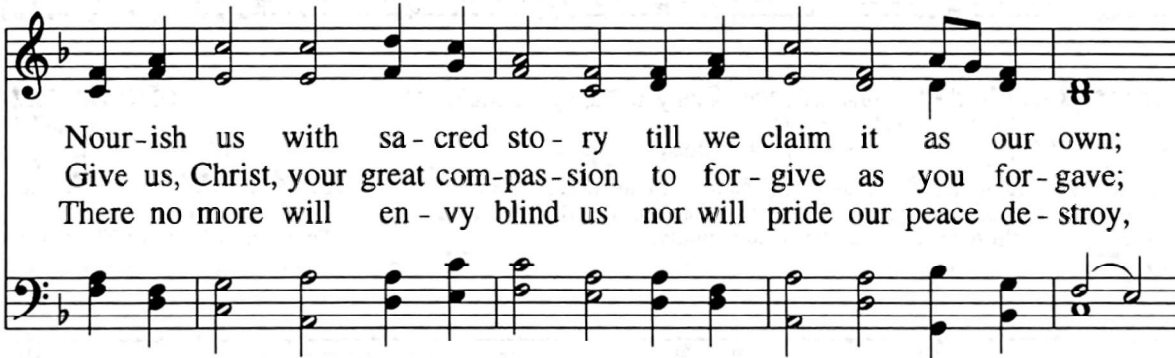
Originally written as a joyful communion hymn, Pierpoint's text had as its refrain, 'Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.'



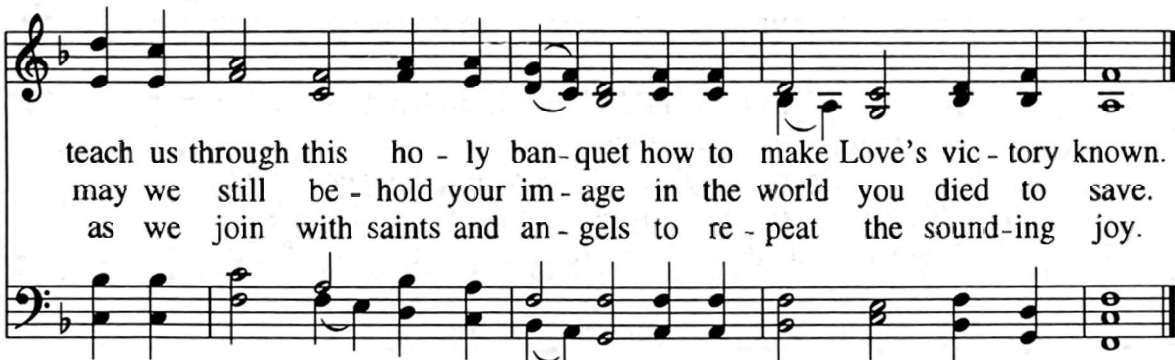
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. FCC, 1997

Carl P. Daw, Jr., an Episcopal priest and prolific hymn-text writer, has recently become full-time Executive Director of the Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada.

BEACH SPRING
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1. Turn back, turn back, for - swear your fool - ish ways. Old now is
 2. Earth might be fair, its peo - ple glad and wise. Age af - ter
 3. Earth shall be fair, and all its peo - ple one, nor till that

earth, and none may count its days; yet all who live, whose
 age our trag - ic em - pires rise, built while we dream, and
 hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, e - ven now, once

heads are crowned with flame, still will not hear their in - ner God pro -
 in that dream - ing weep: would we but wake from out our haunt - ed
 more from earth to sky, peals forth in joy our old un - daunt - ed

claim - "Turn back, turn back, for - swear your fool - ish ways."
 sleep, earth might be fair, and peo - ple glad and wise.
 cry - "Earth shall be fair, and all its peo - ple one."

WORDS: Clifford Bax, 1916, alt.
 MUSIC: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

OLD 124th
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Bax was an English playwright and poet. His words are set to OLD 124th, one of the earliest of Louis Bourgeois' hymn-tune arrangements done for John Calvin.