Peacham Congregational Church
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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
November 1, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 107)

O give thanks to God, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of God say so, those whom God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

When our soul fainted within us, then we cried to God in our trouble, and God delivered us from our distress.

O give thanks to God, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #486: "For All the Saints" Vs. 1 & 2, 4 & 5

*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.

Anthem: Down to the River to Pray

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

Generous God, receive these gifts and magnify them to bless our community and world. May these offerings reflect our gratitude for your beloved community and trust in your kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn #494: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

(Please sing these words)

I sing a song of the saints of God,
compassionate and true,
They try as they might to do what is right,
the whole of their good lives through.
They are the humble, who live what they preach.
whose actions, not words, are the way they teach.
They are all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one, too.

Saints live not only in ages past;
they are not all one faith or creed.
The world is bright with a rainbow of saints
who go where they see a need.
They protest injustice, while marching for peace.
And they will not stop until all wars cease.
And there's not any reason, none in the least,
why I shouldn't be one, too.

Saints show their love for the Lord each day
by loving their neighbors too.
Whatever their job, they live out their faith
in all that they say and do.
Sometimes they are heroes when they're called to be;
Most times they are people, like you and like me,
who do their good work, dutifully.
I'm happy to be one, too!

Scripture: Matthew 23: 1-12

Sermon: "I Am Not a Hero (But I Might Just Be a Saint.)" Rev. Jay Sprout

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Sung Invitational (Responsive): "Morning Has Broken"

May God be with you!
And with you also!
Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.
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"

Hymn #318: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
(To be sung as Communion is served for all of us to partake together.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we are grateful to have gathered at this table of remembrance. As we have communed with the saints this day, may our lives reflect that great cloud of witnesses who are our models for humble service. And may Jesus the Christ be our companion and guide on the path to justice and peace. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #482: "Forward Through the Ages"
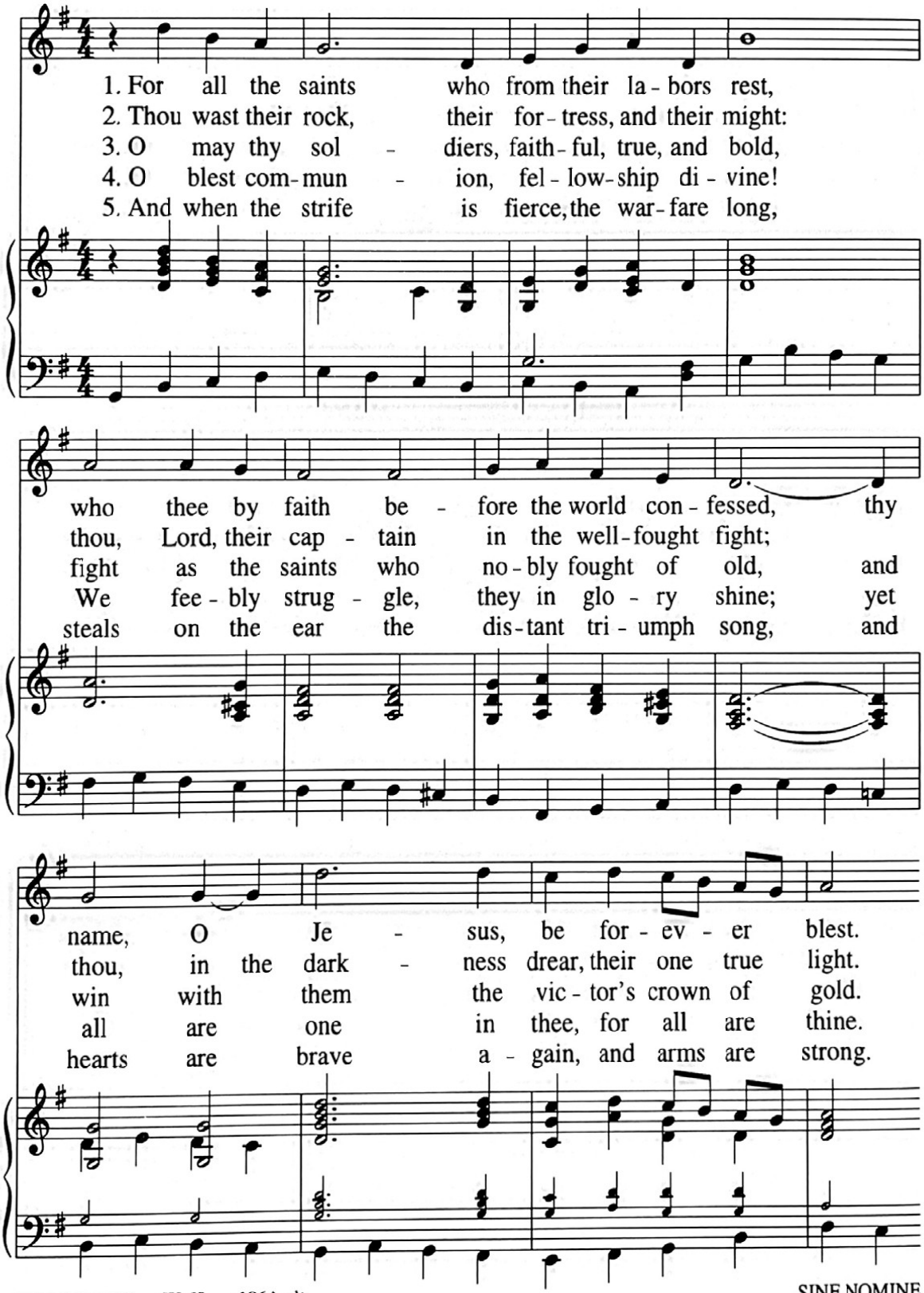
*Benediction

*Response #345 "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" Vs. 1

Postlude: "May the Road Rise to Meet You" - Choir

*The Congregation may stand if able to
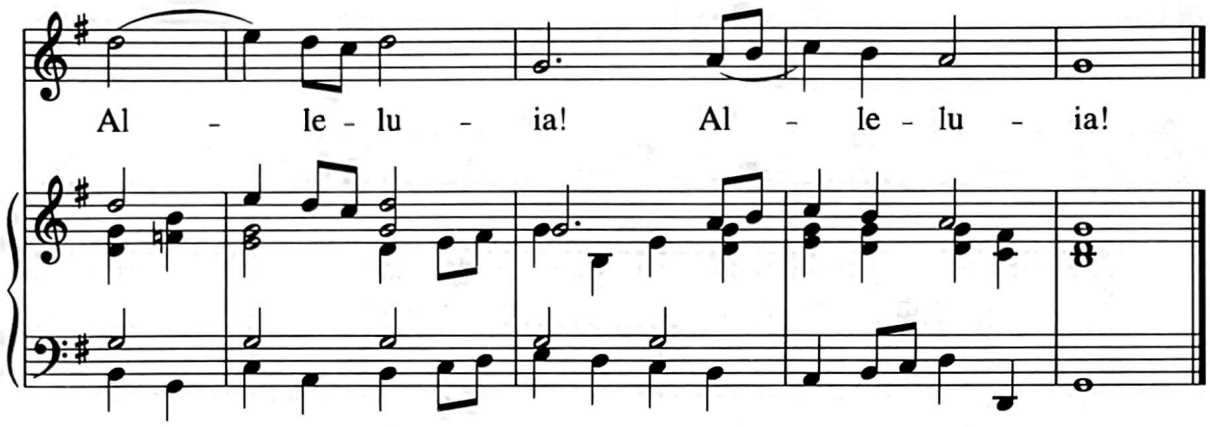
486 For All the Saints



WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal,* 1906

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Ralph Vaughan Williams' stirring tune, written for All Saints Day, appeared first in *The English Hymnal* of 1906, for which he was music editor.



After saying this, what can we add?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
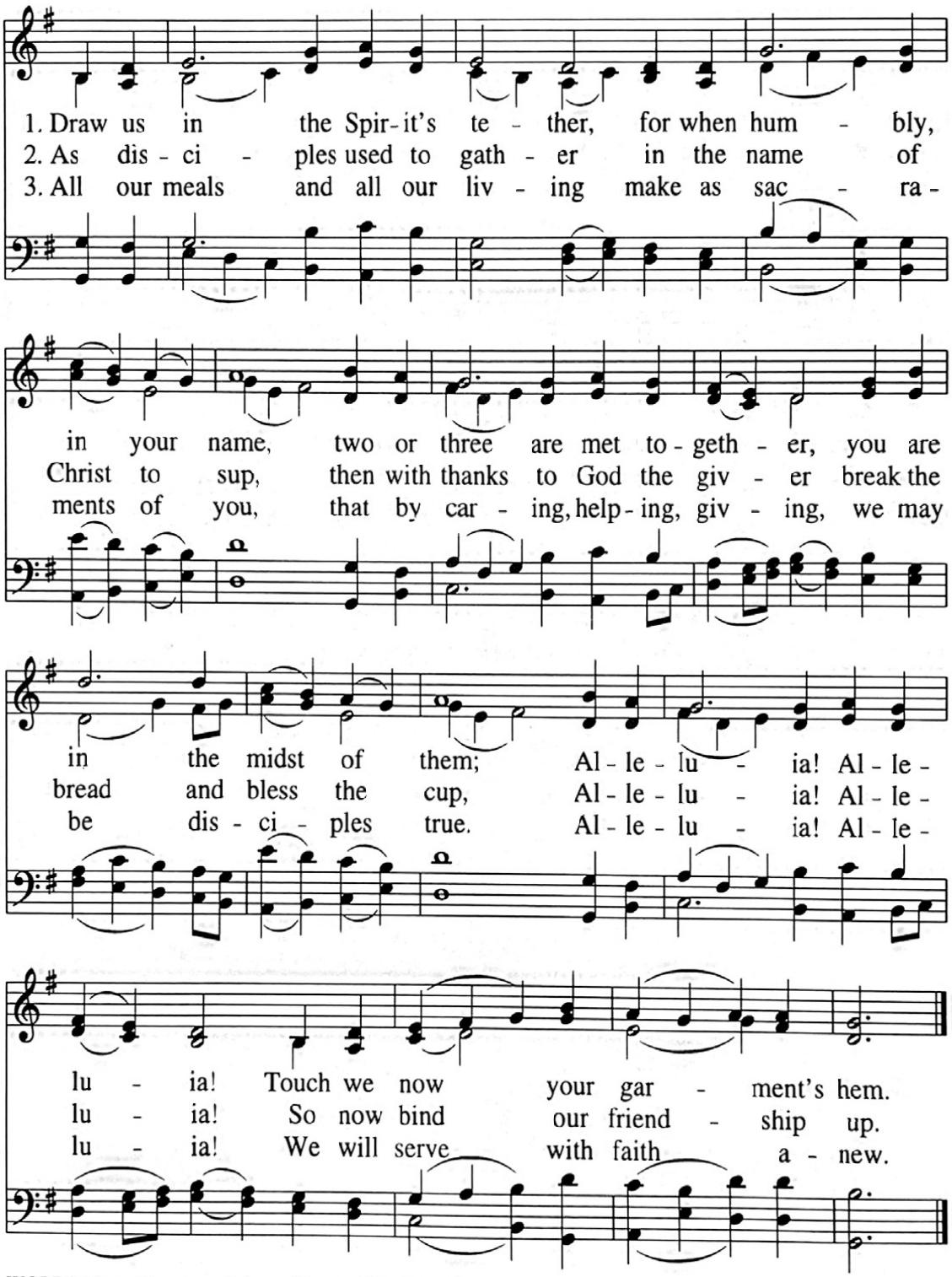
Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ –
can hardships or distress,
or persecution,
or lack of food and clothing,
or threats or violence?

No: we come through all these things triumphantly victorious,
by the power of God who loved us.

For I am certain of this:
neither death nor life,
nor angels,
nor principalities,
nothing already in existence and nothing still to come,
nor any power,
nor the heights nor the depths,
nor any created thing whatever,
will be able to come between us and the love of God,
known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Paul, in Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39, New Jerusalem Bible

318 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



WORDS: Percy Dearmer, *Enlarged Songs of Praise,* 1931, alt.
MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957; adapt. Jet Turner, 1967, alt.

British hymnal editor Dearmer provides the words about the 'community' of communion. The tune is named for Union Seminary, New York City, a training ground for clergy of many Protestant denominations, including the UCC.

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PEACHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
& MEETINGHOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

November 1, 2026

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us online at peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday

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Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

Peacham Congregational Church is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming all who earnestly seek faith and fellowship in Christ to share in the life, leadership, ministry, membership, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church. We invite and welcome into our community persons of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure

How God is calling us to reach out to address the emerging challenges and opportunities of our community and congregation.
We believe that we must walk with all in our community, helping to bring it together at a time when divisiveness as well as economic, cultural and climate-related challenges are pulling us apart. Peacham is an exceptionally tight community, as the response to the July 2024 flood event showed, but many are lonely or shut-in, suffer from health conditions or feel excluded. We believe our Church has historically been and must continue to be a resource to promote community and reach out to those individuals in need of community support.

TODAY: Sunday, November 1, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. worship time, with Coffee Hour immediately following the service.

This morning we welcome Rev. Jay Sprout as our guest leader.

Thank you to all who helped with the community meal in the Social on Thursday evening. There were at least 100 Peachamites in attendance and the meal was delicious. Many thanks to Sharon Hunter for cooking and coordinating the event.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS

The Annual Appeal is in full swing. Thank you to those who have already returned their pledge cards. We want to remind everyone that we would like to have them returned by November 15th so that the Business Committee can prepare next year's budget. Thanks!

Search Committee Update

Our church profile is now posted on the UCC website and is advertising our pastoral opening. We will keep you all informed of any applications received.

MISSIONS

Our 4th quarter mission is **Church World Service.**

Following a natural disaster, CWS distributes kits with supplies like versatile blankets, cleaning agents, articles for hygiene, and other items immediately useful after a disaster

CWS helps refugees navigate the often unfriendly and confusing government "system" to help them settle and rebuild their lives in their new and unfamiliar country.

They teach farmers planting techniques that will make their crops less vulnerable to drought and floods.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

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 of Leaders & Speakers for October:

November 8, 2026 – John Morris
November 15, 2026 – Ed Nilson
November 22, 2026 – Susan Chandler (Historical Presentation)
November 29, 2026 – Nancy Fowler (First Sunday Advent)

Please Pray For:

Brady Nally	Paul Clemons & Family
Jenna Goguen	Anthony
Robin	Larry
Susan Chandler	

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please reach out to Patty at peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com.

Attendance at Previous Church Services

September 20, 2026	22
September 27, 2026	18
October 4, 2026	35
October 11, 2026	20
October 18, 2026	25
October 25, 2026	19



Coffee Hour Hosts:
November 1: Nancy & Brad Toney



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
23rd – Julie Ann Morrison