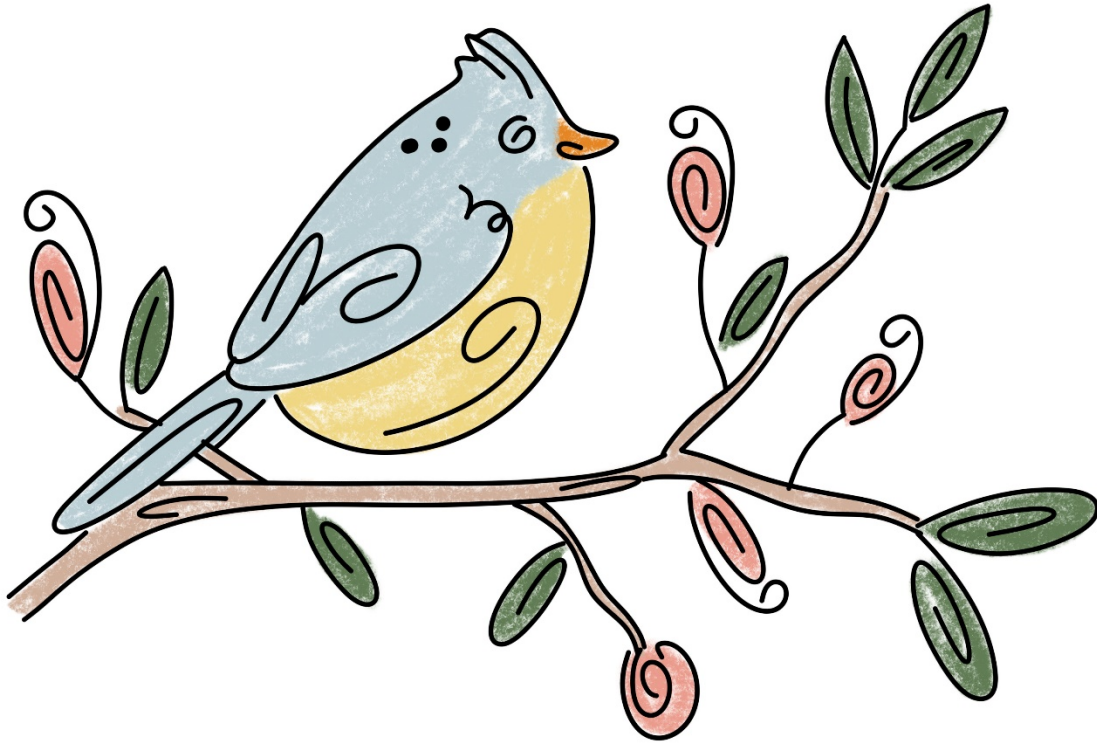


## **Peacham Congregational Church**

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### **Ken Voss, Guest Minister**

We are an Open and Affirming Church  
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

**Order of Worship**  
**April 19, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Prelude on St. Columba" Petro Cattaneo (1998)

Call to Worship

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Opening Hymn #54: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1-3)

Unison Prayer

**Lord, we long to know and experience happiness in our lives. We are not talking about shallow pleasures. Those come and go, and the wrong kind leave us empty and unfulfilled. The happiness we desire is so much more than skin deep. It's bigger than our circumstances and larger than our emotions. We want the kind of happiness that trusts you and follows you regardless of where that path leads. Amen.**

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: "Come Let Us Sing" Sally Albrecht – Trumpet: Paul Tidyman

Offering & Mission, Invitation to Generosity

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

**We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love.  
May our offerings distribute this love to the world:  
the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know;  
the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.**

Hymn #58: "Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty"

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-10, Luke 5:33-39

Sermon: "Another Kind of Happiness" – Ken Vos

Closing Hymn #54: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 4-5)

#### Unison Benediction

**May the God who dances in creation,  
who embraces us with human love,  
who shakes our lives like thunder,  
bless us and drive us out with power  
to fill the world with her justice. Amen**

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

Postlude: "Very Bread, Good Shepherd Tend" Haley Willan (1880 - 1968)

### Announcements April 19, 2026

We thank Paul Tidyman from St. Johnsbury for coming to accompany the choir on trumpet. Also, thanks to Rhoda for asking Alan Rowe if he knew of anyone who could come and play.

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:

April 26 – Message by John Morris, "Complaining and Lamenting"

May 3 – Rev. Jay Sprout – Worship Leader and Communion

Bruce Maclean, Message, "Christian Nationalism & Christianity"


April 26 – Church Council Meeting following worship in Social Hall

Events:



May 7 – 6:15 pm – Free Community Italian Meal in Social Hall

For general inquiries, email: [information@peachamchurch.com](mailto:information@peachamchurch.com)



## 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.



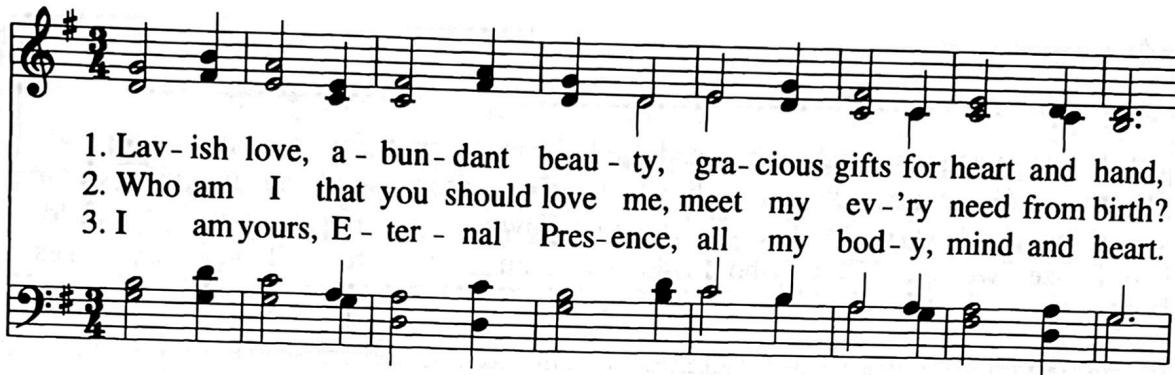
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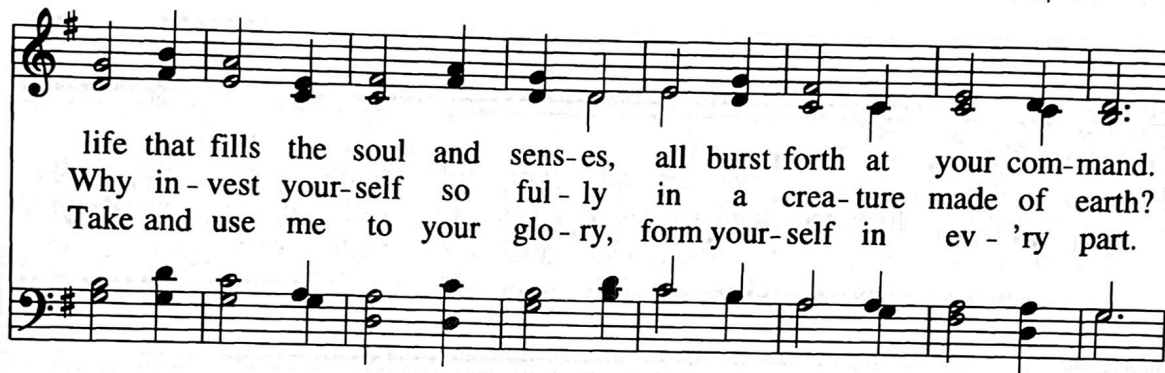
Originally written as a joyful communion hymn, Pierpoint's text had as its refrain, 'Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.'

# Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

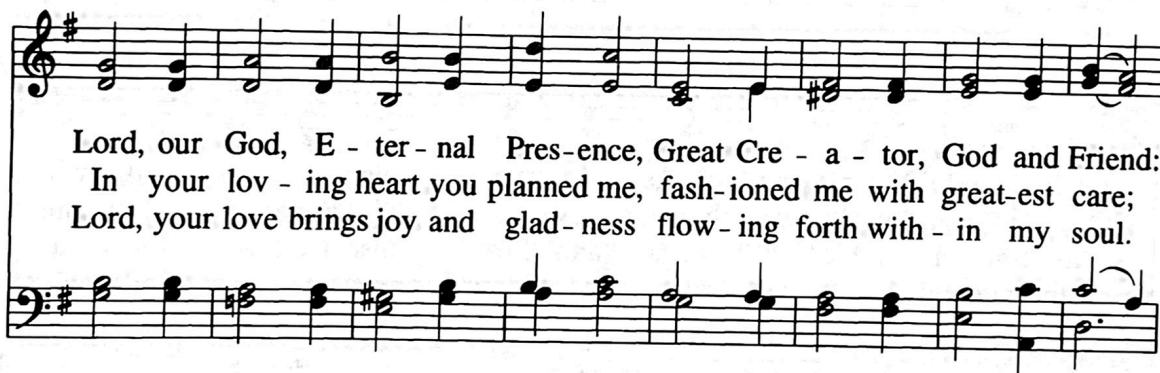
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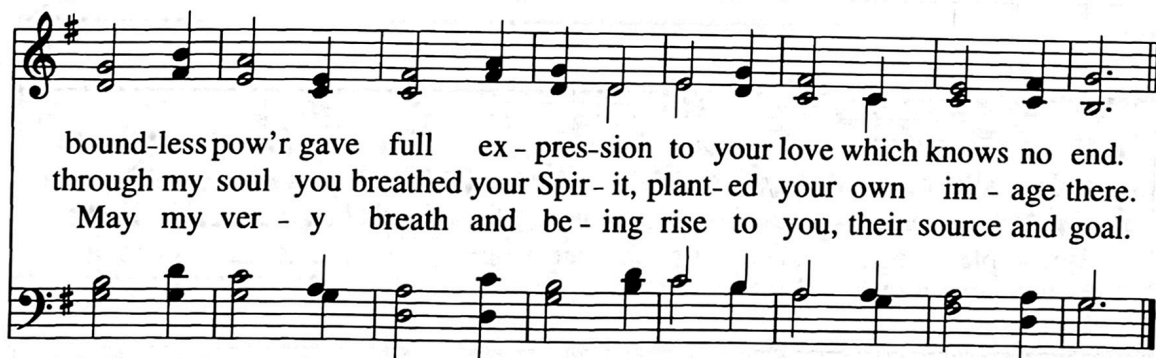
1. Lav-ish love, a - bun-dant beau - ty, gra-cious gifts for heart and hand,  
2. Who am I that you should love me, meet my ev-'ry need from birth?  
3. I am yours, E - ter - nal Pres-ence, all my bod-y, mind and heart.



life that fills the soul and sens-es, all burst forth at your com-mand.  
Why in-vest your-self so ful-ly in a crea-ture made of earth?  
Take and use me to your glo-ry, form your-self in ev - 'ry part.



Lord, our God, E - ter - nal Pres-ence, Great Cre - a - tor, God and Friend:  
In your lov - ing heart you planned me, fash-ioned me with great-est care;  
Lord, your love brings joy and glad-ness flow-ing forth with - in my soul.



bound-less pow'r gave full ex-pres-sion to your love which knows no end.  
through my soul you breathed your Spir-it, plant-ed your own im - age there.  
May my ver - y breath and be - ing rise to you, their source and goal.

WORDS: Peter Ellis, 1956, alt.  
MUSIC: English traditional melody, arr. John Bell and others, 1990

SCARLET RIBBONS  
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The use of the popular ballad SCARLET RIBBONS follows a long tradition of incorporating secular tunes into worship, as practiced by Martin Luther and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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