

## Peacham Congregational Church

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So the **last**  
will be **FIRST**,  
and the  
**first**  
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



Guest Leader: Rev. Steve Winkler

We are an Open and Affirming Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

[www.peachamchurch.org](http://www.peachamchurch.org)

**Order of Worship  
September 20, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Minuet in G -- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lighting of the Candles

**Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 105)**

O give thanks to the Lord! Tell of God's wonderful works.

**Declare God's marvelous deeds among the peoples.**

O give thanks to the Lord! Give glory and rejoice!

**Sing praises to our God! Let our hearts be glad!**

O give thanks to the Lord: Remember the miracles and the judgments.

**The Lord has remembered us. Praise be to God!**

Opening Hymn #407- "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Invocation (Opening Prayer)**

**God of heaven and earth, Lord of life and hope, we come to worship you, to know you and to be known by you. Expand our hearts to love fully. Build our courage to receive the truth. Nurture our spirits to be gracious, merciful, and kind. Transform us in your image and for your glory as we dwell in your presence. 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.

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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.***

Hymn #446 - "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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.**

## **Scripture Lessons**

From the Hebrew Scripture - Exodus 16:2-15

From the Gospels - Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon: It is Not Fair

Closing Hymn #102 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

Response #345: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude: "Vanity" -- Paul Pratt (1894-1967)

## Announcements September 20, 2026

This week's coffee hour is hosted by Nick and his daughter. Dart Thalman will host next week.

This is the third Sunday of the month, and during coffee hour you will have an opportunity to hear updates and ask and have questions answered about what's happening at the Church. Please bring your ideas! If you're unable to attend, questions or comments may be shared at [peachammeetinghouse.org/contact](http://peachammeetinghouse.org/contact).

The Church council will meet on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour

Our 3rd quarter mission is the Northeast Kingdom Asylum Seekers Assistance Network (NEKASAN). Asylum seekers have fled persecution and often violence in their own countries due to religion, politics, or sexual orientation. Many have undertaken long, arduous journeys to reach our border. They are referred to NEKASAN while they are being held in detention centers or homeless shelters across the U.S. Once here in the Northeast Kingdom, guests stay with paid host families or in rental apartments and receive monthly stipends to help with food and personal needs. We help them get access to health care and immigration lawyers and obtain work permits. Our goal is always to provide community and a road to self-sufficiency for these new Vermonters.

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:

- September 20 – Rev. Steve Winkler – “It is not fair”
- September 27 – Ed Nilson – “Who goes to Heaven after all?”
- October 4 – Rev. Steve Winkler -World Wide Communion  
Guest Musician: Nancy Maclean
- October 11 – David Bullock – “It's Complicated”

October 18 – Ed Nilson

October 25 – Ken Vos – “Another Look at Jesus”

### Information about Peacham Congregational Church

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

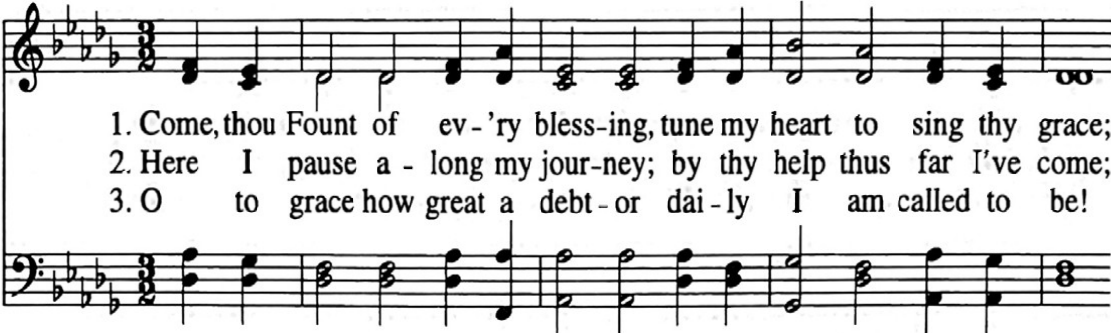
Join us online at [peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday](https://peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday)

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

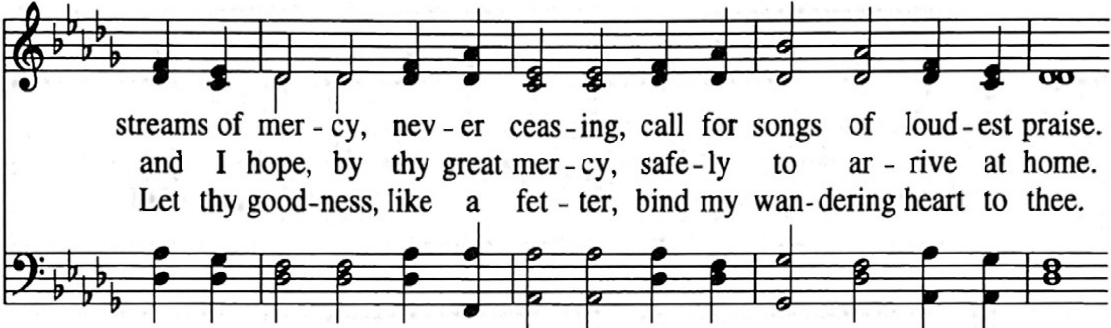
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| Church Admin.....                          | Patty Gardner | Treasurer.....    | Bruce Westcott     |
| Collector.....                             | Ann Goss      | Accompanist ..... | Bruce Westcott     |
| Sexton.....                                | Jeff Lane     | Web Ministry..... | Jonathan R. Potter |
| Church Council President & Moderator ..... |               |                   | John Marshall      |

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

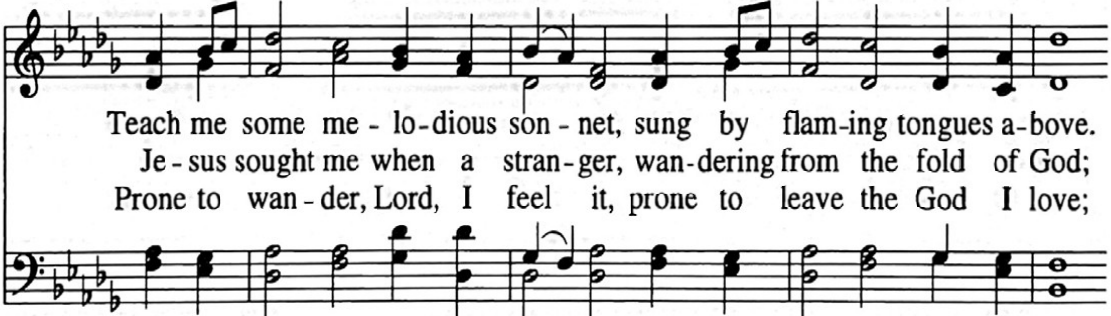
# 407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



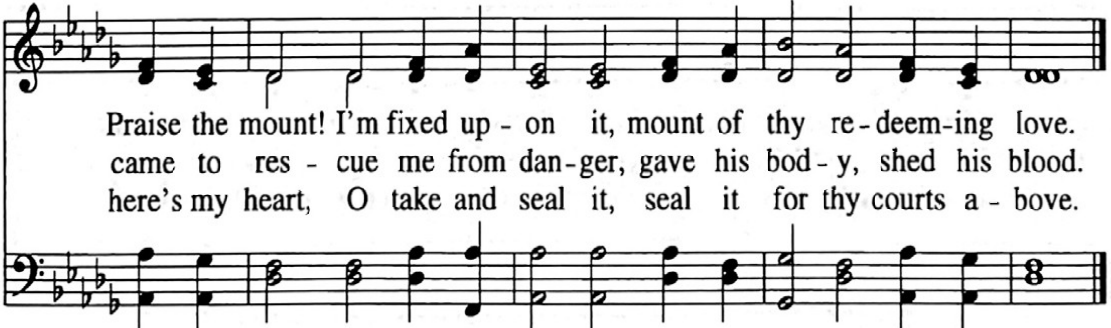
1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am called to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

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

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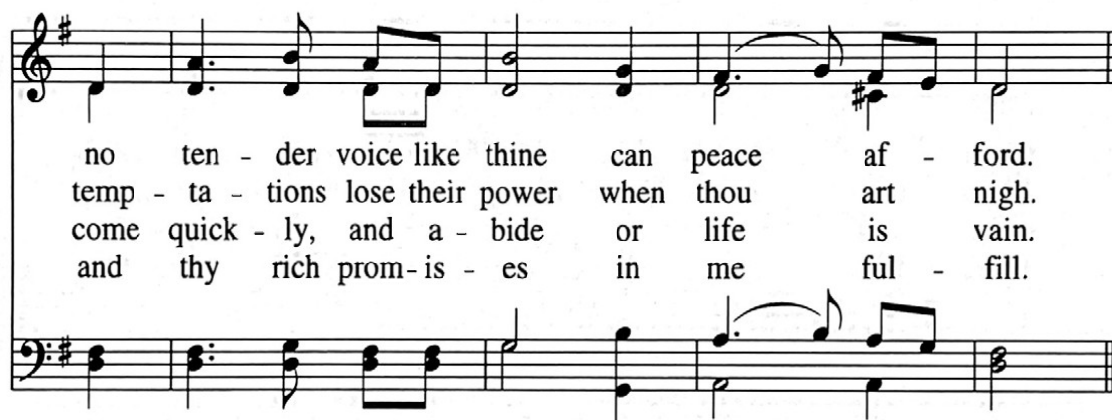
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Robinson, an English barber, became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and, later, a Baptist minister. His text has been sung to this American folk tune since 1813.

## I Need Thee Every Hour



1. I need thee ev-ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
 2. I need thee ev-ery hour; stay thou near by;  
 3. I need thee ev-ery hour in joy or pain;  
 4. I need thee ev-ery hour; teach me thy will,

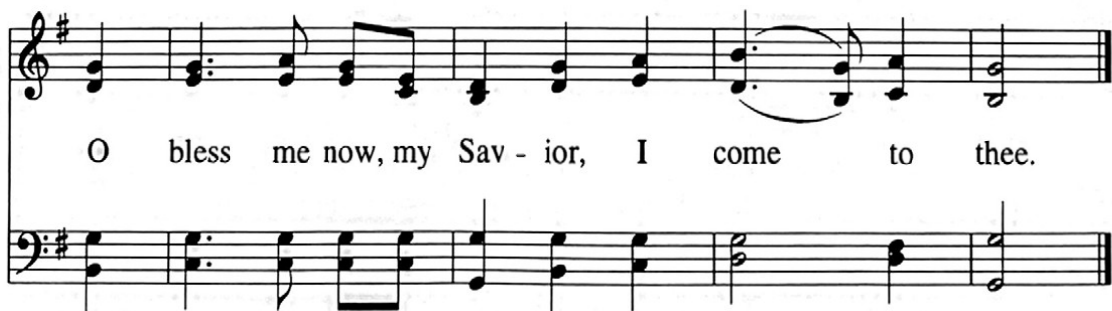


no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
 come quick - ly, and a - bide or life is vain.  
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

## Refrain



I need thee, oh, I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee;



O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

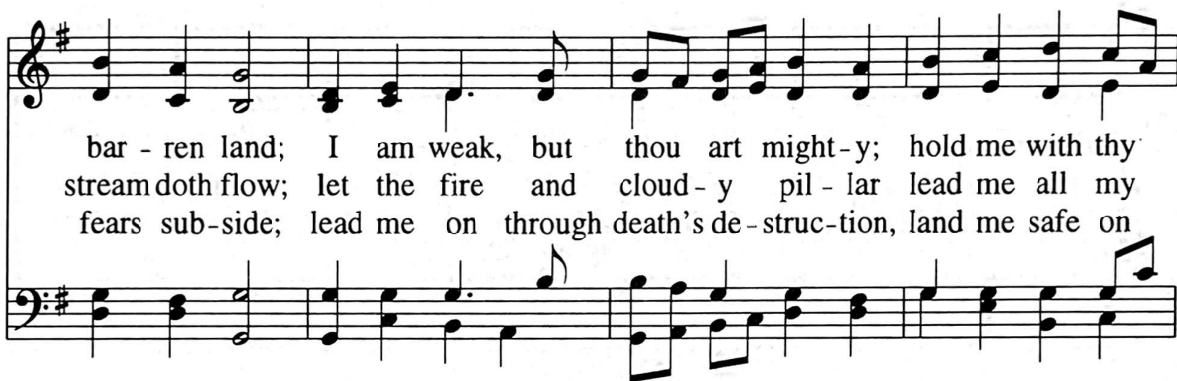
WORDS: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; refrain, Robert Lowry, 1872  
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1872

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Hawks wrote this hymn for a meeting of the National Baptist Sunday School Association. Coming to her while doing ordinary housework, it became a 'revival' favorite.



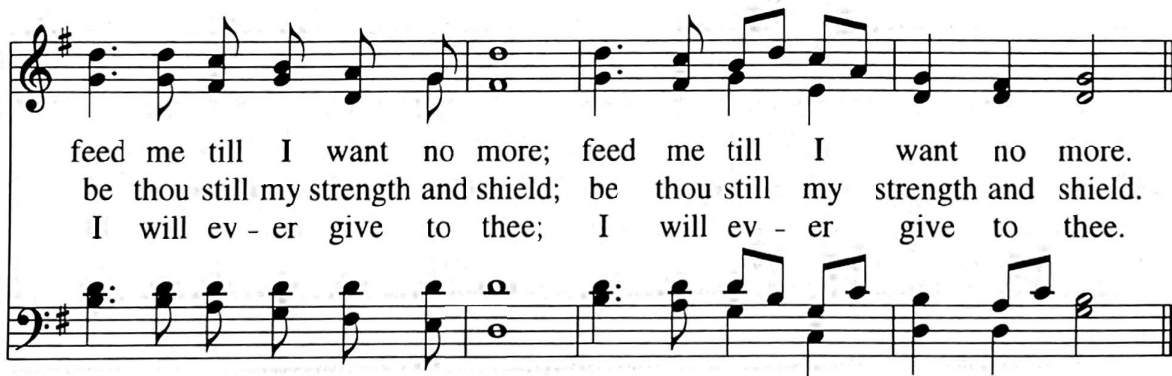
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; lead me on through death's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; st. 1, tr. Peter Williams, 1771; sts. 2,3, tr. William Williams, 1772, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

Williams, an evangelist with the Calvinistic Methodist Church  
 of Wales, wrote more than eight hundred hymns in Welsh.

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