



THE OLD MEETING HOUSE

East Montpelier Center, Vermont

Welcome to those searching for a spiritual home, welcome to those of you questioning your faith, your God, yourselves, welcome to those exuberant in faith and eager to share the grace of God. Welcome to all who have felt the doors of a church closed—our doors are open. Welcome to The Old Meeting House.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT CONGREGATIONAL LIFE		Hannah Conner
PRELUDE	Molly Conner, Brent Kinsley & June Morse	
WORDS OF WELCOME		Braden O'Donnell
CENTERING SILENCE		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Hannah Conner
INTROIT		
INVOCATION		Braden O'Donnell
OPENING HYMN	<i>Golden Breaks the Dawn</i>	Hymn #470
RESPONSIVE READING	Psalm 41	Pages 648-649

* **GLORIA PATRI** (*Please sing with the language you prefer*)
Glory be to the Father (*Creator*), And to the Son (*Christ*),
And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM	Finn Conner, Brent Kinsley & June Morse	
FIRST TESTAMENT READING	Proverbs 27:19	Duncan Schrader
PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS		

PASTORAL PRAYER	SILENT PRAYER	LORD'S PRAYER
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*Each of us comes here today with a hope, a concern, or in need of a prayer.
Please share with our beloved family if you are willing.*

CHORAL RESPONSE

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

You are invited to place in the offering plate your monetary gifts, as well as to use the pew Prayer Pads to write your prayers, nametag requests and/or contact information. (Unless indicated otherwise, these will be prayed over by the pastoral care team & prayer chain.)

*** DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION** *There's Wideness in God's Mercy* **Hymn #23**

GOSPEL READING Ephesians 1:5-8 Duncan Schrader

LESSONS FOR SM(ALL) AGES *What is Grace?* Hannah Conner

SILENCE

*** CLOSING HYMN** *This Little Light* **Hymn #524**

Service of Holy Communion Rev. Rona Kinsley

*** BENEDICTION**

** Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

Permission to podcast the music in this service obtained from One License, #A72930

Visitors — We especially welcome those who are visiting us today. Please let us know you are here by using the pew pads to leave your name & contact information.

Nursery is available upstairs in the Parish House during the service.

June Morse, *Music Director* • Marcia Clark, *Sr. Choir Director*

Tim Shea, *Hybrid Church Coordinator*

Hannah Conner, *Children & Youth Coordinator*

Richard Brock, *Greeter*

OMH Youth Group, *Ushers*

Joy Schricker, *Coffee Hour Host*

Meetings and Gatherings

Meditation	Saturday, August 3	1:00 PM
Arts Committee Meeting	Sunday, August 4	11:00 AM
Patrick Ross & Doug Perkins Concert & Picnic	Sunday, August 4	4:00 PM
Youth Group	Sunday, August 4	11:30 AM
Justice in Ministry Hybrid Meeting	Tuesday, August 6	5:30 PM
Trustees Meeting	Tuesday, August 6	7:00 PM
Spiritual Life Zoom Meeting	Tuesday, August 6	8:30 PM
Congregational Care Meeting	Thursday, August 8	10:30 PM

Coffee Hour

Please join us after Worship

Sr. Choir Practice

Sundays at 8:30am, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Meditation

Saturdays at 1:00 PM at the Parish House

Men's Group

3rd Thursdays, 6:00pm at the Parish House

Office Hours

Our Administrative Assistant: Kathi is working Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Parish House. You can reach her at admin@oldmeetinghouse.org

The Old Meeting House is an Open & Affirming community church with strong denominational ties to the United Church of Christ. This means that everyone – EVERYONE – is welcome.

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Golden Breaks the Dawn

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Tzu-chen Chao (b. 1888)

Ps. 50:1-2; Matt. 6:11-12

Paraphr. by Frank W. Price (b. 1895); alt.

1 Gold-en breaks the dawn, comes the east-ern sun;
2 Give me dai-ly bread, while I do my part;

o-ver lake and lawn, new day has be-gun.
bright skies o-ver-head, glad-ness in my heart.

Birds a-bove me fly, flow-ers bloom be-low;
Sim-ple wants pro-vide, e-vil let me shun;

through the earth and sky God's great mer-cies flow.
Je-sus at my side, till the day is done.

Tzu-chen Chao was a prominent Chinese Christian leader, theologian, and dean of the School of Religion of Yenching University. He was elected one of the first vice presidents of the World Council of Churches at its inaugural meeting in 1948.

Tune: LE P'ING 10.10.10.10.
Chinese folk tune; adapt. Te-ngai Hu
Harm. Bliss Wiant, 1936

Psalm 41

Antiphon: Peter Niedmann, 1994

Response

Unison

O set me in your presence for - ev - er.

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¹Happy are those who consider the poor;
God delivers them in the day of trouble.

²God protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

³God sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

⁴As for me, I said, "O God, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you." *R*

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⁵My enemies wonder in malice when I will die,
and when my name will perish.

⁶And when they come to see me, they utter empty words, while their hearts gather mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.

⁷All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

⁸They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me, that I will not rise again from where I lie.

⁹Even my friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread,
has exalted at my misfortune. *R*

¹⁰But you, O God, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.

¹¹By this I know that you are pleased with me;
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.

¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Blessed be the Sovereign, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen. *R*

(May be sung with double tone.)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

This Little Light/This Joy I Have

African-American spiritual

Matt. 5:14-16

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did - n't give to me.

Hal - le-lu - jah,
 Hal - le-lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER