



# The Haydenville Congregational Church

*Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors*

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*As you prepare for worship, you are invited to light a prayer candle or write down a Joy or Concern. Please silence your cell phone.*

**July 23, 2017 • 10:00 am**

**Prelude** *Selections from "We Won't Be Silent Anymore" By Bishop Yvette Flunder*

**Welcome** Carole Bull and Pastor Chris

**Gathering Hymn\*** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Chalice Hymnal #2, verses 1, 3, 4*

**Responsive Prayer** *"A Litany for Envisioning Hope" Based on Romans 8:18-25*  
Leader: God of hope, we witness and endure the suffering of this present world  
**People: Yet we hope for the wonder of your promised glory**  
Leader: Creation is groaning in labor pains  
**People: Equip us to be midwives of hope**  
Leader: We, too, groan and await redemption  
**People: Through hope, we will be redeemed**  
Leader: Grant us the vision to see what human eyes cannot see  
**People: Grant us the patience to hope for what we cannot see**  
Leader: Grant us the perseverance to hold fast to hope  
**All: Grant us the will to bring your hope into being. Amen.**

**Anthem** *"God Provides" By Tamela Mann; Susan Farrell, soloist*

**Offering** Carole Bull  
Circle Song<sup>^</sup> *"Unless love builds the house, they that build it labor in vain."*  
Doxology\* **Traditional:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*  
**Inclusive:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Singing the Children to Summer Playgroup** *"You are walking in the light of God. You are walking in the light of God. You are walking in the light of God. You are walking, you are walking, O!, you are walking in the light of God. You are walking, you are walking, O!, you are walking in the light of God."*

**Scripture Reading** Rev. Carol Rinehart  
Romans 8:18-25 **One Voice:** *For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,*  
**All Voices:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Song of Preparation** *"Let the words of our mouths, and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord."*

**Sermon** *"Envisioning Hope" Pastor Chris*  
Sermon Response Time

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Chris and Carole Bull  
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*please use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with*) *Our Mother/Father/Creator God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Sung Response** "Let It Breathe on Me" Chalice Hymnal #260

**News of the Community** Beverlee Orluske

**Sending Hymn\*** "Amazing Grace!" Chalice Hymnal #546

**Benediction\*** Pastor Chris

**Postlude** *Selections from "We Won't Be Silent Anymore"* By Bishop Yvette Flunder

### ***Our Worship Is Over - Now Our Service Begins***

*\* Please rise if you are comfortable doing so.*

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#### **Romans 8:18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

~ New Revised Standard Version

#### **Today's Worship Service Leaders**

**Deacons of the Month:** Mariel Addis and Susan Farrell

**Trustee of the Month:** Karin McGowan

**Ushers:** Cindy Dolgoff and Laurie Priest

**Greeters:** Jen Griswold, Anne Harrison, and Laurie Priest

**Summer Playgroup Leaders:** Linda Ziegenbein and Francie Lin

**Welcome Visitors!** • We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor slip found in your bulletin. These can be placed in the Offering plate or handed to Pastor Chris on our Hug and Handshake Line at the close of worship. We love to know who is in worship, and we'd love to connect. Then stick around today for some refreshments in the Dining Room!

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