

- 8/17: Worship Team 10:30 am
Congregational Care 11:45 am
AA 7:30 pm
- 8/18: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Visiting and Crafting at Valehaven Adult Home 2 pm
- 8/19: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
- 8/20: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
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- 8/24: Mission & Social Justice Ministry Meeting 10:30 am



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Peru Community Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026
Rev. Phil Richards

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

(Please fill out a green “Welcome Visitors” card in the pews and place it in the offering plate if you are new or visiting, would like to be added to our mailing list, or need to update your contact information.)

PASTOR’S GREETING AND GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us lift our voices in song.

People: We bring the songs that have carried us through our lives.

Leader: Songs of joy and celebration.

People: Songs that have comforted us in times of sorrow.

Leader: We give thanks for those who sang before us.

People: And we look with hope toward those who will sing after us.

Leader: Today we lift our song together.

All: We worship, we give thanks, and we prepare for the future.

HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

#379

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of music and for the songs that have shaped our faith. Thank you for the music that has filled this sanctuary in moments of celebration, sorrow, hope, and joy. As we begin our Lifting Our Song campaign, give us wisdom, generosity, and vision for the future. Help us honor those who came before us and prepare a strong foundation for those

who will come after us. May our music continue to bring people together and open our hearts to your love. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 96:1–4

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name; tell of salvation from day to day.
Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

RESPONSE

Leader: May we have wisdom and grace for understanding.
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev. Phil Richards and Rob LaFountain

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, We dedicate this Lifting Our Song campaign to the future of worship at Peru Community Church. Bless the gifts that are given, the people

who give them, and the ministry they will support. May this effort strengthen our worship, sustain our music ministry, and bless generations yet to come. We give thanks for those who have carried the song before us, and we commit ourselves to carrying it forward. May we honor the past, strengthen the present, and lift our song into the future. Amen.

HYMN “O Christ, the Healer” #380

BLESSING

*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

Prayer List

Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Sarah Connelly; Katie Davis; Eric Duquette; Denise; Nancy Fegan; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Bonnie Mahnk; Howard Newton; Patricia; Roy Perry; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way

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Musician:
Steve Woodruff: Virtual Organist

Announcements for the Week of 8/16 – 8/22

8/16: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after Worship
»»»»»»» Choir Rehearsal after Worship
Peru Town Concerts 6 pm to 8 pm in Heyworth Mason Park
(Rain Location – Peru Community Church Fellowship Center)