

## Announcements for the Week of 6/21 – 6/27

- 6/21: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom  
Coffee Hour after Worship  
**Reminder:**  
Celebration of Life Service for Barbara Copeland Perry 2 pm
- 6/22: AA 7:30 pm  
Open Table Zoom Meeting 7 pm
- 6/23: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
Music Team Meeting 10 am
- 6/24: Knit Wits 1:30 pm  
Summer Zoom Worship 6:30 pm (see our website or Facebook for link)
- 6/25: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
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- 6/28: Peru Town Market 10 am – 2 pm in Heyworth Mason Park  
Peru Town Concerts in the Park Begin 6 pm to 8 pm in Heyworth Mason Park



Rev. Phil Richards  
Rev. Leigh McCaffrey

**Worshiping every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

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Office Hours: M/W/F 9am – 3pm  
*Celebrating Over 200 years of Ministry*

Peru Community Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026  
Rev. Phil Richards

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### CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

### PASTOR'S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who seek a deeper way of living.

**All: We come to follow the path of love.**

One: Come, all who carry burdens, questions, and hopes.

**All: We come trusting that God welcomes us as we are.**

One: Come, all who long for justice, compassion, and peace.

**All: We come to be renewed and strengthened for the journey.**

One: God's Spirit is moving among us.

**All: We open our hearts to God's presence.**

One: Let us worship the God who calls us beyond fear and into abundant life.

**All: Let us worship together!**

#### \*HYMN

*“Faith of Our Fathers”*

#710 (UMH)

### OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us join our hearts in prayer...

**All: Loving God,**

**We thank you for gathering us together today.**

**In a world filled with noise and distraction, help us to hear your voice. In a world that often teaches fear, help us to practice courage. In a world that encourages division, help us to build community.**

**Open our hearts to the teachings of Jesus. Challenge us where we have become comfortable. Encourage us where we have become discouraged. Inspire us to live with compassion, humility, and hope.**

**May this time of worship remind us that we are your beloved people, called to participate in your work of healing and transformation.**

Fill this sanctuary and our lives with your Spirit. Renew our faith, strengthen our resolve, and send us into the world as bearers of your love.  
We pray in the spirit of Jesus, who showed us the way of grace and peace.  
Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (to be said by all)

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 GENEROSITY

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY To the tune of #95 (UMH)  
Praise God, the Source of life and birth; Praise God, whose love renews the earth;  
Praise God, whose Spirit makes us one; Praise God, through whom all good is done.  
Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Generous God, Everything we have comes from your abundance.  
Today we offer these gifts, along with our time, our talents, our compassion, and our commitment to your work in the world.  
Bless these offerings and use them to bring hope where there is despair, welcome where there is exclusion, healing where there is brokenness, and justice where there is inequity.  
May our giving be an expression of gratitude and a sign of our desire to participate in building your beloved community. Receive these gifts and use them for your purposes. In the spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

### FIRST LESSON

Romans 6: 1-11

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10: 24-39

### \*HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400 (UMH)  
Verses 1 & 3

### MORNING MESSAGE

"Not Safe But Worth It" Rev. Phil Richards

### \*HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #2129 (STF)

### \*BLESSING

### DEPARTURE MUSIC/POSTLUDE

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\*Indicates to stand if you are able

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### Musician:

Steve Woodruff: Virtual Organist

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### Prayer List

Debbie & Howard Bell; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Dee Davis; Denise; Nancy Fegan; Dan Ferris; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Sandy Lashua; Bonnie Mahnk; Howard Newton; Pam; Roy Perry; Deane Price; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Thomas Wetterling

Our prayers for the family of Dr. Merritt Spear who passed away June 12 and whose service was held here yesterday.