

Announcements for the Week of 9/27 – 10/2

- 9/27: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after Worship **in Fellowship Hall**
Granny’s Attic ½ Price Sale 10 am – 2 pm
- 9/28: Mission & Social Justice Meeting 10:30 am in the Church Office
AA 7:30 pm
- 9/29: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Music Ministry Team Meeting 12 Noon in the Church
Bible Study on Job ay 3 Steeples UMC or on Zoom 6 pm
Christmas Breakfast Meeting at Plattsburgh UMC 6:30 pm
- 9/30: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Common Ground Gathering 5:30 pm (Video) 6:30 pm (Discussion)
- 10/1: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 10/2: Plattsburgh Cares Food Bag Packing 10:30 am
- 10/3 Granny’s Attic Bag Sale 9 am - 12 pm
Pay what you can or Free 12 pm – 4 pm

Recycle Your Bottles & Cans to Benefit Peru Community Church!

- Looking for an easy way to support our church? Bring your redeemable bottles and cans to **Morrisonville Redemption** to help benefit Peru Community Church!
- Simply go in and tell them you would like your bottle deposit funds to go on the **Peru Community Church account**.
- It’s a simple way to recycle, give back, and support our church! Thank you for your generosity!
- Morrisonville Redemption is located at 1807 Route 22B, Morrisonville (across from Quabbin Valley Auction) They are open 9 am to 5 pm - Monday thru Saturday (Closed on Holidays)

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Peru Community Church
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
Rev. Phil Richards

Worship Asst. – Ken Edwards

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

(If you have prayer concerns or joys, please place them in the BLESSED basket in the rear of the Sanctuary, to be read during Joys and Concerns. If you are new or have changed your information recently, please fill out a green pew card and place it in the offering plate.)

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching, incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: I will open my mouth in a parable; things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

Leader: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord’s might

All: and the wonders that God has done!

*HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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OPENING PRAYER

**God of the Open Road,
Breath of the Universe, and Companion on the Way,
We gather today acknowledging both our thirst for You and our faithlessness.
Help us to see the Living Water all around us.
Give us patience when we are tempted to grumble and complain.
May we find strength for the journey from the stories of your people.
We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1–7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 21:28-32

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

RESPONSE

One: May God grant us wisdom and courage for interpretation.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MORNING MESSAGE “When We’re Thirsty” Pastor Phil

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.

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

- *DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592
- *HYMN** “Come, Thou Almighty King” (v. 1&4) #139
- * BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Arnold; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Sarah Connelly; Eric Duquette; Denise; Nancy Fegan; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Bonnie Mahnk; Karen Hadad-Meyers; Howard Newton; Patricia; Roy Perry; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Bonnie St. Clair; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Katie Williams

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