

Prayer List

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

Announcements for the Week of 8/9 – 8/15

- 8/9: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
 Coffee Hour after Worship
 Peru Town Concerts 6 pm to 8 pm in Heyworth Mason Park
 Rain Location – Peru Community Church Fellowship Center
- 8/10: Men’s Breakfast at Rulfs Orchard 7:30 am
 Music Ministry Team Mailing 10:30 am
 AA 7:30 pm
- 8/11: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 8/12: Knit Wits 1:30 pm at Peru Community Church
 Church Council Meeting 7 pm
- 8/13: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 8/14: Plattsburgh Cares 10:30 am St. Joseph’s Outreach Center
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- 8/17: Worship Team 10:30 am
 Congregational Care 11:45 am
- 8/24: Mission & Social Justice Ministry Meeting 10:30 am

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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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The wind is howling and the waves are crashing.

People: We are terrified by the storm. We feel battered and cast adrift.

Leader: Jesus walks through the chaos and speaks: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

People: Lord, if it is you, command us to come onto the water.

Leader: Jesus calls out a single word: "Come."

People: We step out of our safe boats. We step onto the shifting deep.

Leader: When we look at the wind and sink, his hand immediately catches us.

All: Truly, you are the Son of God! In the storm, we worship you!

*HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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OPENING PRAYER *(to be said by all)*

God of the Storm and the Calm,

The winds of life blow hard around us, and our hearts are often tossed by fear. We confess that we stay inside our comfortable boats, afraid to step out in faith.

Soothe our anxiety. Give us the courage to step onto the water today. Keep our eyes fixed entirely on you. When we start to sink, reach out and catch us. Calm our chaotic hearts and fill this space with your peace as we worship you.

In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

BLESSING OF QUILTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 85

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

RESPONSE

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Leigh

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL 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 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (to be said by all)

Loving God, we thank you for the gifts offered today. May we, as your church, use them to spread the good news that you are present even in life’s storms. We dedicate these offerings to you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #276

BLESSING

DEPARTURE MUSIC/POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

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