

Announcements for the Week of 10/11 – 10/17

- 10/11: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after Worship
Open Table Gathering at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall Chapel
- 10/12: Office Closed - Indigenous People’s Day/Columbus Day
Men’s Breakfast 7:30 am at Rulfs Orchard
AA 7:30 pm
- 10/13: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 10/14: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Common Ground Gathering 5:30 pm (Video) 6:30 pm (Discussion) in Chapel
Church Council Meeting 7 pm in the church office
- 10/15: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 10/16: Congregational Care Team Meeting 9:30 am in the church office

PIPE SCREAMS – Celebrate Halloween at Peru Community Church!
Sunday, October 25 | 3:30–5:00 p.m.

- 🎵 Pipe Organ “Screams”
- 🎃 Halloween Crafts
- 🍏 Cider & Donuts
- 👗 Costume Parade
- 👻 Trick-or-Treating

Come for the music. Stay for the fun. Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome!

Peru Community Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
Rev. Leigh McCaffrey

Worship Asst. – Mary Jo Juneau

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE
(If you have prayer concerns, 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 card and place it in the offering plate.)

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT BELL CHOIR “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” arr. Tammy Waldrop

*OPENING PRAYER
Divine Presence,
We gather today carrying the scattered, restless thoughts of anxious hearts. Your word reminds us to give thanks, for You are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever. When our minds wander into cycles of worry, or when the weight of the world feels too heavy to hold, anchor us in that timeless promise. Forgive us when we forget Your past faithfulness, and gently pull us back into the present moment. Gather our fragmented spirits just as You gather Your people. Breathe Your stillness into our anxiety, and help us move forward with a shared commitment to compassion, equity, and peace. May we rest in the assurance that we are never alone, held always by a Love that does not let us go. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*HYMN “If Thou But Suffer” #142

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:1-9
O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear

you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSE

May we be do-ers of the Word and not hearers only.

Amen, Alleluia!

MORNING MESSAGE

“Crazy Calm”

Pastor Leigh

PRAYER FOR HEALING from the Ojibwa tradition

Grandfather, look at our brokenness.

We know that in all creation

Only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way.

We know that we are the ones who are divided,

And we are the ones who must come back together

To walk in the Sacred Way.

Grandfather, Sacred One,

Teach us love, compassion, and honor,

That we may heal the earth, And heal each other.

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL 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.

***HYMN**

“For the Healing of the Nations” (v. 1&4) #428

***BLESSING**

*Indicates to stand if you are able

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PRAYER LIST

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

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