Announcements for the Week of 11/8 – 11/14

11/8: Sunday Worship at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour
Open Table 5:30 pm
Poinsettia Orders for Christmas begin for $10 each. Please use the insert.

11/9: Men's Breakfast 7:30 am at Rulfs Orchard
AA 7:30 pm

11/10: RSVP Exercise Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am

11/11: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Church Council Meeting 7 pm

11/12: RSVP Exercise Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Ruining Lunch at Plattsburgh UMC 11:45 am
Planning Meeting for Winter Vacation Bible Camp 6 pm

11/14: Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of NY 9 am to 4 pm

Mountain of Food for November

Our Mission focus for the month of November is the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf (housed in the Plattsburgh UMC).
Please see the list of food items (all non-perishable) in the bulletin.
Starting Sunday November 1st, please bring your donations to church and we will start building a **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD** in the Sanctuary!
Donations will continue to be collected through Sunday, November 29th.

Peru Community Church
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
Rev. Phil Richards Worship Asst. – Lynda Guest

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

Introit Joint Bell Choir

***Call to Worship** *from 1 Thessalonians 4*
Leader: We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do, who have no hope.
People: **Our hope is in the rising of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who triumphed over the grave.**
Leader: For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of a trumpet, will descend from heaven, and we will be with the Holy One forever.
People: **We therefore encourage one another with this hope: nothing in heaven or on earth, in life or in death, is stronger than God's love for us.**

***Hymn** *"Marching to Zion"* (v. 1&4) *#733*

Opening Prayer
God of time and eternity, we live in a time of much information, but little wisdom. We feel a little overwhelmed sometimes, by all that is going on. Help us to call on your Holy Spirit to help us sort out the urgent from the important. Give us courage to resist what is unhealthy. Forgive us when we end up in a rabbit hole of anxiety. Bless us with your peace, based on your love and care for us always. We ask this in the trustworthy name of Jesus. AMEN.

Children's Time

Psalm of the Day Psalm 78: 12-16 *(Living Psalms version by Rev. Justo Gonzalez II)*
In the lives of our faithful and not so faithful ancestors, the Holy One has and will always work marvels in our lands, communities, streets, barrios, neighborhoods, farms, small towns, and gathering places as was done in Egypt and the fields of Zoan. The Sacred divides the

waters when we fear and affirms us as we move through the seas and storms of life. God makes the storms stand at attention and be still for you and me, God's people. In the daytime, it was clouds that led them in dimness and despair. And when the dimness tries to mess with our mental health and despair attempts to distract from the abundance of life promised to us, The Holy shines pure light to let us know, "You are not alone." Rocks are split open even as we struggle in the wilderness of life. God knows us. Water follows. And water, as source of life, is given freely to those in need. From the deep, those scary places that stop us and paralyze us, The Child of All, makes the streams of life flow down the waters. Be assured that the waters of life will always be abundant as long as we do not stay paralyzed and live in fear but rather rejoice when we acknowledge that God flows within and through us. Never forget, God flows with you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Response

May we have courage and grace for interpretation.
Thanks be to God!

Morning Message "Don't Leave Anyone in the Darkness" Pastor Phil

Reception of the Offering/Offertory

***Doxology**

"Praise God who gives us hearts to care. Praise God who gives us gifts to share.
Praise God for helping us to give, So others in the world might live. Amen."

Holy One, bless these gifts and use them to build a world shaped by justice, generosity, and love. May our giving feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and affirm the dignity of every person. May our gifts and our lives reflect the way of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn** *"God the Spirit"* (v. 1&4) #648

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.

Blessing

Postlude

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*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

PRAYER LIST

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