

PRAYER LIST

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Announcements for the Week of 9/6 - 9/12

- 9/6: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Communion Sunday
Coffee Hour after Worship
- 9/7: LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
AA 7:30 pm
- 9/8: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 9/9: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Church Council Meeting 7 pm
- 9/10: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 9/12: Granny’s Attic Drop Off Begins 9 am to 3 pm

Looking Ahead

- 9/13: Open Table 5:30 pm
- 9/14: Men’s Breakfast 7:30 am at Rulfs Orchard
Plus much more coming in next week’s announcements!

Peru Community Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026
Rev. Leigh McCaffrey

Worship Asst. – Lynda Guest

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

(If you have prayer concerns, please place them in the blessings basket in the rear of the Sanctuary, to be read during Joys and Concerns.)

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today to remember. We carry the stories of those who walked before us—their joys, their struggles, and their resilient hope.
People: We honor the past, but we do not live there. We bring our memories into the light of today.
Leader: We remember the Divine presence that has sustained humanity through seasons of wilderness and seasons of liberation.
People: We look back to see how far we have come, and we look forward to see where love is calling us next.
Leader: We remember the times we have fallen short, the systems we must dismantle, and the healing that is still required of us.
People: True remembrance calls us to accountability. It sparks our passion for justice in the present.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is, who was, and who is still becoming among us.
People: Let us weave our individual stories into the collective tapestry of love, hope, and transformation. Amen.

*HYMN “Jesus, Our Divine Companion” #305

OPENING PRAYER

God of Transformation, we come to you on the cusp of a new season, if not on our calendars. We have new plans, new goals, new perspectives on our lives. We pray that as we honor those who labor, that we will also count the cost of our desires. We confess that have not always taken the effects of our plans on others into account. We confess that we are sometimes blind to the hard work going on to

maintain our standard of living. Help us to see the larger picture, God. Give us grace to recognize the service of all, and the commitment to work for you in the future. These things we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONExodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

MORNING MESSAGE “The Sacrifice of 9 to 5” Pastor Leigh

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Remembering the Story
On the night before he gave himself to love without holding back, Jesus gathered with his friends at the table. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, “Take eat. This is my body, given for you. Whenever you eat it, remember me.” After the meal, He took the cup, gave thanks, and said, “Drink from this, all of you. This is the cup of a new covenant, poured out for you and for many as a sign of forgiveness and new life. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
And so we remember Jesus’ life of love; His courage, His compassion, and the promise of new life that continues among us. In His name, we offer you this lifegiving bread and this saving cup, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:
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.

Consecrating the Elements
May these elements become for us, O God, the very bread of your Presence and the very cup of your Sacrifice. May we receive them as mystery, and be strengthened for service for your people.

(Peru Community Church practices an open table. All people of all ages and stages are welcome to come forward to receive the elements. We offer gluten-free bread and grape juice. The offering will also be received in the plates at the front during this time.)

Prayer After Communion
Gracious God, thank you for meeting us at this table. You have nourished us with love, renewed us with hope, and reminded us that we belong to one another. Send us now into the world to live with compassion, to seek justice, and to carry your love wherever we go. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #464

*BLESSING