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Deanne Price; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way;
Thomas Wetterling

Announcements for the Week of 7/19 – 7/25

- 7/19: 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
- 7/20: AA 7:30 pm
- 7/21: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Visiting Valehaven 2 pm at Valehaven Adult Home
- 7/22: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
- 7/23: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am

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Peru Community Church
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
Rev. Leigh McCaffrey

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today to wake up to the Divine presence.
People: God is here, breathing life into this room.
Leader: God is not locked inside old buildings or confined to ancient books.
People: God is alive in the world, moving among us right now.
Leader: We find the Divine in the beauty of creation and the warmth of community.
People: We find the Divine in the faces of our neighbors and strangers alike.
Leader: Look around you; every patch of ground is holy ground.
People: Every ordinary moment is filled with extraordinary grace.
Leader: Let us open our hearts, our minds, and our arms to the Spirit.
People: Together, we celebrate the Sacred presence that unites us all.

***HYMN** “My Lord! What a Morning” #449

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God,
who are the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

~St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 CE)

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 28:10-18

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

RESPONSE

One: Let us be doers of the Word and not hearers only.
All: Amen and alleluia!

MORNING MESSAGE “Dreams” 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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Generous God,
Bless these gifts and those who give them.
May they become seeds of hope, healing, and welcome.
Use them to nourish our neighbors and build a more compassionate world.
Amen.**

***HYMN** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #551

***BLESSING**

*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

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