

4/28 & 4/30: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am

4/29: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Peru Wrestling End of Year Banquet 6-8 pm (Private Party)

5/2: Granny's Attic Donation Drop Off Begins 9 am – 3 pm

Granny's Attic Donation Drop-Off Schedule:

Sat. May 2: 9 am – 3pm

Sun. May 3: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Mon. May 4: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Tue. May 5: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Wed. May 6: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Thur. May 7: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Fri. May 8: 9 am – 3 pm

Sat. May 9: 9 am – 3 pm

Sun. May 10: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Mon. May 11: 9 am – 3 pm

Tue. May 12: 9 am – 3 pm

No donations accepted after Tuesday, May 12th

SALE:

Sat, May 16: 9 am – 4 pm

Sun. May 17: 10 am – 2 pm ½ Price Sale

Sat. May 23: 9 am – 12 pm Bag Sale
12 pm – 2 pm FREE



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Peru Community Church

April 19, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Phil Richards



CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

PASTOR'S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: There are so many voices calling out to us—

All: But we are here to listen for the voice of life.

One: A voice that knows us, that calls us by name—

All: And leads us into freedom and fullness.

One: In the early days, people gathered, shared what they had,
broke bread, and cared for one another—

All: And life grew among them.

One: We come to be that kind of community—

All: Open, generous, and alive in love.

One: Let's worship the One who leads us into abundant life.

All: With open hearts, we worship.

***HYMN**

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#496 (UMH)

OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us join our hearts in prayer...

All: God of life,

we come as we are - carrying joy, stress, questions, and hope.

In the middle of everything swirling in our lives, help us hear your voice—

steady, grounded, and calling us toward something deeper.

Shape us into a community like the one we read about—

where people show up for each other, share what they have,

and make space at the table.

And remind us that abundant life isn't something we chase alone—

it's something we build together.

Meet us here. Speak to us here. Change us here. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING 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** to the tune of #95 (UMH)
*Praise God for life and all that's good, For daily bread and neighborhood;
Praise God who opens every gate, And calls us into lives that create. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**God, everything we have is touched by your grace.
So we offer back a portion—not out of obligation,
but as a way of participating in something bigger than ourselves.
Use these gifts to build real community—
to meet real needs, to open doors, to make space for those who've been left out.
And use us, too—in our everyday lives—to be people who share, who care,
who help create a world where abundant life is possible for all.
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Acts 2: 42-47

GOSPEL LESSON John 10: 1-10

***HYMN** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #138 (UMH)
Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

MORNING MESSAGE "Listening for Life, Living It Together" Rev. Phil Richards

***HYMN** "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #381 (UMH)

***BLESSING**

DEPARTURE MUSIC/POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand if you are able

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Prayer List

Debbie & Howard Bell; Abbie; Rob Butts; Carol; Denise; Andrea D.; Nancy Fegan; Irene Harris; Heather; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Sandy Lashua; Bonnie Mahnk; Alan Naylor; Howard Newton; Pam; Roy Perry; Rick; Evelyn Rinella; Sam S.; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Thomas Wetterling

Announcements for the Week of 4/26 – 5/2

4/26: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after service in the back (behind the altar)

4/27: Worship Team Meeting 10:30 am
Congregational Care Meeting 11:45 am
AA 7:30 pm