

SERVICE of WORSHIP
May 13, 2018 – 10:30:00am
Mother's Day

GATHERING MUSIC

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are reminded that God calls us together in relationships, into families of many forms, that teach us to love, nurture, and grow in ways that we may discern God's love and power in our own lives.

People: Praise be to God who loves us all. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Take Time to Be Holy"* #186 (SHP)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

COMMUNITY PRAYER (our voices together)

Holy One, you constantly prepare us for the day we will be asked to lead within the body of Christ.

Prepare us again as we hear your word that we may faithfully and joyfully respond to your call to lead when it comes.

Prepare us to listen to you in the midst of our lives. Use us for what you will. Teach us to be good and faithful servants in all we do. Amen.

ANTHEM *"I Will Give Joyful Thanks"* Nolan
Music given in memory of George Curtis by friends and family.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WISDOM READING Psalm 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* #200 (SHP)

EASTER READING John 17:9-23

REFLECTION "Bathed in Prayer" Pastor Peggi

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (our voices together)

**We believe in God, maker of all things,
provider of all things, who loves all people.
We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:
he sees us for who we are,
heals the wounds of our hearts,
and makes us new.**

**In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.
We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,
which empowers us for self-giving love.
We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,
and for the gift of forgiveness,
the power of resurrection
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

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LORD'S 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

***DOXOLOGY** *"Praise God..."* #592 (P)

Peru Community Church

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING** (our voices together)

God, when we open ourselves to the gift of your amazing love in our lives, we become a reflection for your abundant love. As we pray over these gifts, tithes and offerings today, help us to hear your voice leading us in your ways of love.

In Christ, the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"* #206 (SHP)

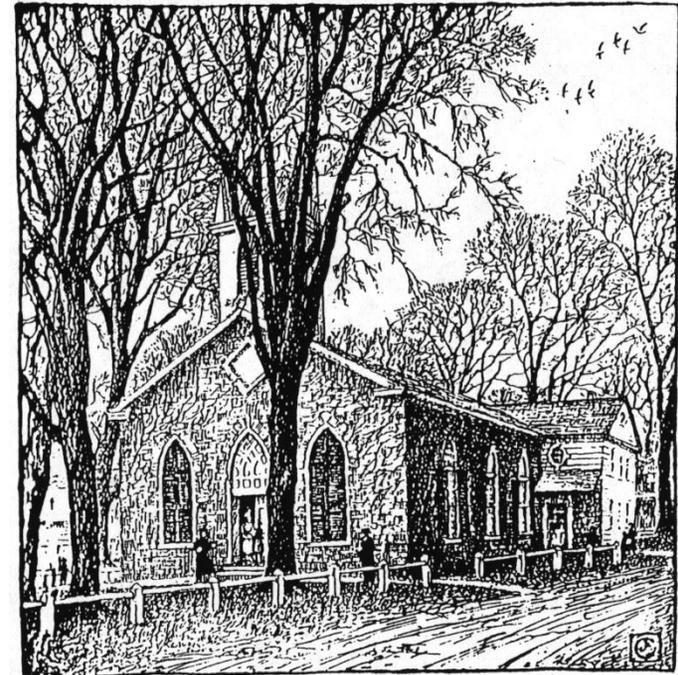
***POSTLUDE**

***SENDING FORTH**

A Mother's Day Prayer:

God of us all, teach us to comfort and protect us as you comforted and enabled so many children throughout the ages. Remind us that no good comes from doing harm for harm, or evil for evil. Like a mother teaches her children, teach us how to do good without doing harm. When a mother kisses the scrapes and scratches of our falls, she transforms pain into showers of Your love. Coach us in how to love all your children...turning hurt into promise, particularly for the unloved and seemingly unlovable. Guide us in new and novel ways to be helping hands and mentors to all your children. Let your love shine through us. In your name. Amen.

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