

SERVICE of WORSHIP
November 12, 2017 – 10:30am

"It is a leitmotif (recurring theme) within all the prophets: God resists religious expressions that separate orthodoxy (right beliefs) from orthopraxy (right actions)."

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Are you ready to worship?

People: We are ready to worship today!

Leader: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.

People: We are putting away the cares and worries of the world so that we may be truly present.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Stir our heart, change our lives!

People: Work within us to open our hearts so that we may reach out to others in compassion and love. AMEN.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN: "Come and Find the Quiet Center"** #2128 (STF)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Ride the Glory Train" Shackley

PSALTER READING: Psalm 78: 1-7 pg. 526

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 5:6-15 & 21-24 pgs. 838 & 839

HYMN: "People Need the Lord" (please remain seated)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-11 pg. 903

REFLECTION: "Filiblabber: Enough Already!" Rev. Peggi Eller
(FROM THE PARENT'S GLOSSARY OF TERMS: FILIBLABBER – "BLOCKING OR DELAYING ACTION BY TALKING NON-STOP")

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE 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

In gratitude for all God's blessings in our lives, let us receive our morning offering.

***DOXOLOGY: "Give Thanks"** #2036 (STF)
**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)
Give thanks!**

***DEDICATION OF OFFERING (In Unison)**

**Holy God, you continually work to reform this world into your
Kingdom. You lift us up when we stumble, so that we may honor
you and live for your noble purposes. Embolden us to tell others
about your Son Jesus, whose presence brings new life. Fill our
hearts with your Spirit's gift of generosity, so that our lives and our
offerings will be pleasing to you. AMEN.**

***HYMN: "As A Fire Is Meant for Burning"** #2237 (STF)

***BENEDICTION**

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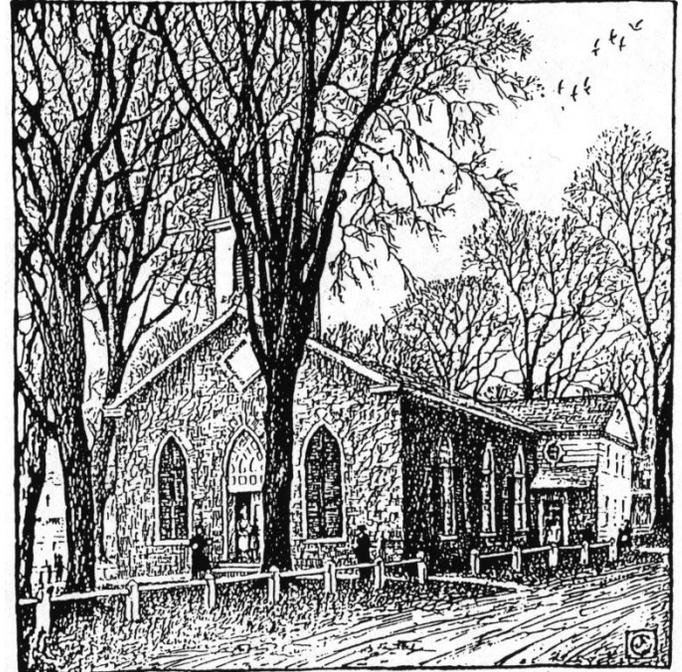
***MUSICAL DISMISSAL:** *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain) Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE**

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Peru Community Church



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