



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 22nd 2022

THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am and can be accessed in the following ways:

1. By joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUErMUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.
2. Calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712. through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments).
3. Through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with a joyful heart we can say Mahoning and Trumbull counties currently have a **LOW** risk level of COVID 19! Thank you for your patience and understanding as our church dealt with the pandemic these past 2 years. We are hoping you are healthy and look forward to many more of you returning to in-person worship in the near future.

We want to keep you abreast of a few recommendations from our Health Ministries Team that have been approved by the Session:

1. Masks are now **optional** inside the church building.
2. Passing of the peace will resume in the same manner previous to the COVID 19 pandemic. Some of us may choose to elbow bump, wave or knuckle bump while others of us may choose to shake hands or hug. As always, respect for each other will be observed.
3. Pot Luck dinners will resume.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is with us on our journey
and greets us at our journey's end.

The Spirit gives us life,
and the Son is the Way.

From the beginning to steadfast love that endures forever,
God is with us. Let us worship the Triune One.

***HYMN 108**

Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high. Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the God-Head reigns.

In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God the Guide, who leads by the pillar of fire and column of smoke,
God who makes a dwelling place of *Shalom* for Your people,
we confess that we rebel against Your leadership.

We wander into valleys of deep darkness, places where death dwells;
and, we drag others in with us. Save us, O God.

Lift us from the breach, heal our wounds and set us on the right path.

Let us faithfully follow the One who gave His life that we might live, Jesus Christ, the Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE #572

“Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said, “Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. . . All who believe in me will have eternal life, and I will raise them upon the last day” (John 6:37b,40b).

Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE (*Glory to God 838*)

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.

GOD’S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

THE PSALTER

But you, O Lord my Lord,
act on my behalf for your name's sake;
because your steadfast love is good, deliver me.

For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is pierced within me.

I am gone like a shadow at evening;
I am shaken off like a locust.

My knees are weak through fasting;
my body has become gaunt.

I am an object of scorn to my accusers;
when they see me, they shake their heads.

Help me, O Lord my God!
Save me according to your steadfast love.

Let them know that this is your hand;
you, O Lord, have done it.

Let them curse, but you will bless.
Let my assailants be put to shame; may your servant be glad.

May my accusers be clothed with dishonor;
may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a mantle.

With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord;
I will praise him in the midst of the throng.

For he stands at the right hand of the needy,
to save them from those who would condemn them to death.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^[b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

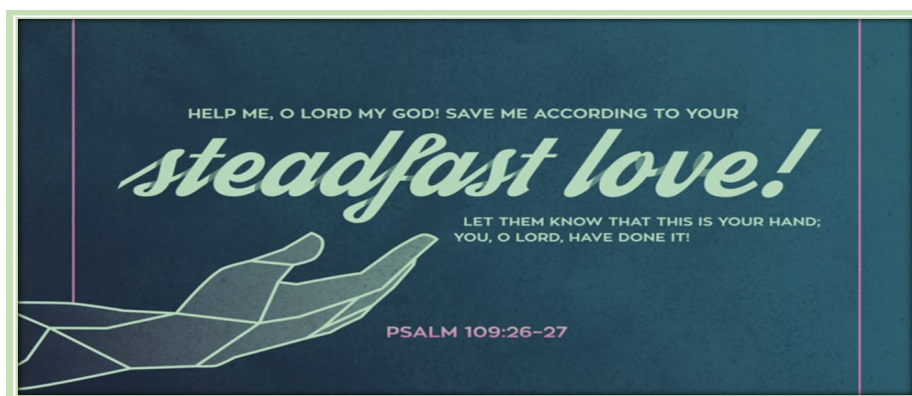
“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Beyond the Farewell

The Rev. Frank Lewis



WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 446**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
God whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's wall surrounded, Thou may'st smile on all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which like the Lord the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**God keeps promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God kept promises.
All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (TUNE 411)

Since God so loved the world, that love we now must share
With all whose need is as our own, whose pain we now help bear.

DEDICATION PRAYER

What we bring, we have received first from You. These are offerings of thanksgiving for the love with which You have blessed us. We dedicate these gifts and rededicate ourselves to serving You as You bring the reign of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 361 *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord. Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am Thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause you to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design Your dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN VERSE 104

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, every -one!

*Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, an Honorably Retired minister member of the
Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley, to our pulpit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence with us. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.



As our program year is coming to a close The Christian Education Committee wants to take this time to thank our dedicated teachers. They have taught one child/adult in a class or have taught more than that one in a class. They come early to be ready for their students. We appreciated them so much. Most of them have been teaching for a number of years for which we are grateful. Teaching this year were:

- Adult Class - Pastor Meta Cramer and Ted Smith
- Multiage Class - Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes
- Tiny Tots - This class was off and on during the year. Bethany Glidewell & Brooke Kaschak were the teachers.
- Sunday School Greeter - Jane Meyers.
- Sending cards - Diane Reinhart



Free Community Pancake Breakfast Saturday, June 11, 2022
9am-11am. Please join us for free pancakes, sausage and a beverage.

Weekly Offering

5/15 \$1,253
 5/08 \$2,824
 5/01 \$2,556



*If anyone would like their blood pressure taken before or after church, please ask one of our nurses on the Health Ministries Task Force.
 (Jill Fabian, Marnie Bonsall, Sherry Gleason).*



A local 2nd grader is collecting pop tops for The Ronald McDonald House. There is a container in Fellowship Hall on the counter under the bulletin board.

(All types of aluminum can tops will be accepted.)



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 22	10:30am	Adult Bible Study 9:30am/ Worship/Conversation
Monday, May 23	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday May 24	6:30pm	Session
Thursday May 26		The Ascension
Sunday May 29	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Dorothy Jones

HEALTH CONCERNS

Helen Redmond
 Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
 Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)
 Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
 James Tincher (Marlene's son)
 Bill Reddersen (Ted & Darlene Smith's friend)
 David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)
 Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)
 Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)
 Russell Golden (Meyers' Friend)

Betty Garland
 Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
 Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
 Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
 Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
 Rev. Jeanine Haven (Jane Meyers' friend)
 Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
 Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
 Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)



SYMPATHY, CONCERN, NURTURE, & SUPPORT

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
 Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
 Pastor Nominating Committee
 Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
 Coronavirus caregivers and patients
 Refugees
 Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
 Peace and healing for our country
 Someplace Safe

Casa de Buen Trato
 Needles's Eye
 Niles Community Services
 World Leaders
 Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
 Our PC(USA) coworkers
 Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
 The Ukraine



Joseph Koch 5/22
 Suzanne McCabe 5/24
 Tim Gleason 5/25
 Shirley Brodie 5/26
 Helen Redmond 5/28



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
 9:00am to 1:00pm
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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis
LITURGIST: Val Copanic
ELDER: Nicole McMullen
DEACON: Darlene Smith
MUSIC: Anita Miller

Rev. Meta Cramer 330-921-1114