



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023**

Welcome to our church! It is a joy to worship with you on this morning. Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***We Gather as God's People***

**OPENING PRAYER** – *let us pray.*

Holy and loving God, the words you speak are the life and sustenance of all that exists. The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn. The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and

community. Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** – *Please stand and join me in the call to worship.*

*(Written by The Rev. Erin Counihan,  
adapted from Psalm 119)*

Your word is a lamp to my feet, Lord.

**Your word is a light to my path.**

Though the world around me tosses and tumbles,

**I hold fast to you.**

Though I have doubts and worries and I wonder,

**I hold fast to you.**

Though my heart hurts, my spirit aches, and I lose my way,

**I hold fast to you.**

Though I encounter wickedness and hate seemingly around every corner,

**I hold fast to you.**

Your stories and your songs, O Lord-

**They comfort me.**

Your will and your way, O Lord-

**They nudge me along.**

Your presence and your promise, O Lord-

**They give me hope.**

Your world is my heritage and my heart.

**And I will turn toward you forever.**

I will hold fast to you.

**And I will sing praises to your name!**

**\*HYMN #469**      *Morning Has Broken*

*Morning has broken, like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light, Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** – *Please be seated.*

*To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God, first in silent prayer.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - *Please join me in the unison prayer of confession.*

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we**

**vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.**

**We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.**

### **KYRIE #572**

“Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy up on us.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### **SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, who grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** – *at this time, all children are invited up to hear a short message! After, kindergarten and younger children may leave with Olivia Meyers for Story Circle. For children above kindergarten, there are worship bags with activities to use during worship.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**— *Let us pray.*

Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING**                      *Psalms 119:105-112*

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.  
I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.  
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,  
and teach me your ordinances.  
I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.  
The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.  
Your decrees are my heritage for ever;  
they are the joy of my heart.  
I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
for ever, to the end.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

**SECOND READING**                      *Romans 6:1-14*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

*The Word of God for the People of God. **Amen.***

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

## ***We Respond to God's Love***

**\*HYMN #100 (GtG)**      *Canticle of the Turning*

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?*

### **Refrain**

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,*

*for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. Refrain*

*Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. Refrain*

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything that else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** – *You may be seated.*

Trusting indeed that you are always there, we pray to you now as your Son taught us, saying together,

**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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. All: Amen.**

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

*In the kingdom of God, we find that generosity of spirit, generosity of possessions & the radical sharing of skills are practiced openly. All gifts are important to God, so as the offering plate comes around, place your hand over it, committing to God that you will use your time, talent and treasures for furthering the work of God's kingdom.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #324**

Open my mouth and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God,  
Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit Divine!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** – *Please join me in saying the prayer of dedication.*

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart.  
You have provided everything we need  
in your steadfast love.  
Receive these offerings as our response**

**to your great faithfulness,  
for the praise of Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ***We Go Out to Serve God***

**\*HYMN #432**

*Song of Hope*

*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace,  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

### ***Refrain***

*Praying, let us work for peace  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE #743**

*Step by Step*

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

# ***Prayer List***

## **MEMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Helen Redmond

Shirley Dull

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN**

*Names will be taken off after 6 weeks, unless noted.*

Family of Betty Garland

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)

James Tincher (Marlene's son)

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Marty O'Neill

Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Samara Fabian

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane

Reinhart)

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)

Lacie Weber (Kathy Graham's Daughter)

Kristen Graham (Kathy Graham's Daughter-in-Law)

Amanda (Jessica Painter's friend)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)  
Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)  
Janiece Eischen (Melissa Keeley's Aunt)  
Jane Meyers  
Joan Williams  
Lenora Jones

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family  
Niles Community Services  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
Refugees  
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)  
Peace and healing for our country  
Casa de Buen Trato  
Ukraine  
World Leaders  
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker  
Earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria  
The Community of East Palestine

# **Announcements**

*Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into the bulletin.*

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**Starting May 28th, worship will begin at 10am, and continue at that time through the summer!**

Sunday May 28th is New Member Sunday. Please join us as we welcome several new members as well as baptize others. Please remember to wear red to celebrate Pentecost.

**Our last day of Church School classes until fall was today** the teachers of those classes are dedicated to their every Sunday commitment on behalf of the congregation. We give thanks to God for those who have taught this past year. They will find a jam or jelly in Fellowship Hall to thank them for their dedication this year. They should remember to pick one up.

Teaching Adults – Ted Smith and Pastor Kori Robbins

Sr. Hi. Class – Michelle Meyers

Multi-age Class – Debbie Rendes and Lori Brendlinger

Tiny Tots – Bethany and Matt Glidewell

**We also thank others who aid us in our mission of education.**

Sunday Morning Greeter – Jane Meyers and substitute Marty O’Neill

Sending “Cards to Kids” (Birthday, Baptismal, Anniversary) – Diane Reinhart

Serving on CE – Marnie Bonsall, Debbie Rendes, Lori Brendlinger and Carole Rummell

And we give a big shout out to our Story Circle staff member Olivia Meyers.

## **Birthday Wishes**



Haylay Pugh 5/21

Joseph Koch 5/22

Sue McCabe 5/24

Kailey Bird 5/25

Shirley Brodie 5/26

Tim Gleason 5/26

## **Responsibilities**



Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Muffin Rummell*

Elder- *Lisa Sorg*

Deacon- *Shirley Brodie*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle - *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

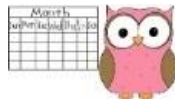


**Thank you for your Generosity**

May 14<sup>th</sup> \$897

May 07<sup>th</sup> \$3,925

April 30<sup>th</sup> \$848.41



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, May 21st	9:15am	Adult Class (Last Day)
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship
Monday, May 22nd	6:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Al-Ateen
Tuesday, May 23rd	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Sunday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> (Wear Red for Pentecost )	<b>*10:00am</b>	Worship/Baptism/ New Member Sunday/ Fellowship

\*(Note new start time for summer)

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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