



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**15th Sunday of Pentecost
September 10th, 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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RECOGNITION OF GRANDPARENTS

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *let us pray.*

God of new life, even when we find ourselves in situations once unimaginable, you give us reason to hope. In the midst of destruction, you enliven our capacities for building community and connection. In the midst of evil's reign, the gifts of your Spirit remain

with us. By your grace, make us creators of justice and planters of peace in whatever land we find ourselves in. Amen.

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

Let the Spirit of the Living God be welcome in this place!

Come, O God, and be with us!

The One who raises the sun each morning and lifts high the moon at night, ushers us too, through cycles of rising, falling, and rising again.

Though we stumble, God lifts us.

Though we doubt, God remains.

Though we get weary, God revives.

Come, O God, and let the new day begin.

***HYMN #525**

Here I Am Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN***

REFRAIN: *Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN***

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Scripture tells us that many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. With trust and humility, let us return to our God, and make our confession. Please join me in a moment of silent prayer.

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

O God, we remember times of blessing in our lives: when we have been released from suffering and despair, when we have been freed to reclaim life and hope; but we also remember times of hardship:

when we have been cast out into deep waters, when we have been banished in exile from the world we call home. O God, it is hard to claim the hope and promise of the past in the presence of today's troubles. Meet us today with your good news that we may be renewed by the power of your presence. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Look to God in all the places you feel hemmed in and bound, exiled and isolated. Open your eyes to God's presence. Trust God in the deepest parts of your being, that silently or boldly, your life may reflect the Spirit of the One who makes us whole.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 can be dismissed to Story Circle with Olivia Meyers. Those older than kindergarten may return to their pews. We have activity bags available for their use in the back.*

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

Psalm 66: 1-12

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.' Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations - let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net;

you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

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

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee,
That we fail not them nor Thee.*

*Save us from weak resignation,
To the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God: omnipresent, in every time, and in every place, generating and sustaining all life, nurturing relationship with Creation.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who lived and loved, taught and died; the One who conquered death and who surprises us with grace, when we least expect or deserve it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who journeys with us and makes our faith possible, in every situation and every circumstance.

We believe that every place we pause to recognize the mystery of our Triune God, is a sacred place, from our sanctuary on Main Street to the sunrises over every part of the Mahoning Valley. Surely, God is with us in every time and in every place, and we are grateful. 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. 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 #694 (GtG)**

Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care
You are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
The praise is but a start.
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

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

Creative and Creating One, bless these gifts to your work of renewal and restoration. Where evil has had its way, bring forth healing. Bring forth justice. Bring forth new possibilities for life and for love. Thanks be to you, O God, our eternal hope. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #543 (GtG)** *God, Be the Love*

*God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the name of Holy
Great cloud of witnesses enfold
Prophets, apostles, angels witness
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind
Depth of the sea to soil of planet
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me
Christ in the ears who hear my voice
Christ in the hearts of all who know me
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

***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.

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)

James Tincher (Marlene's son)

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

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)

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

Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Family of Melissa Keeley

Joan Williams

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Rusty Garland and Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Carole Rummell

The Glidewell Family

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
Wildfire Victims in Maui

Announcements

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

Our Rally Day celebration will take place following worship. Please join us as we celebrate our 160th Birthday!

Church School begins next Sunday at 9:15am. The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will also take place during worship.

NAMI mental health training will take place on Saturday, September 30th. Please stay tuned for further updates on this upcoming event.



Birthday Wishes

Jackson Palomo 09/10

Chuck Reinhart 09/12

Cindy Kaschak 09/12

Theresa Fisher 09/12

Andie Pugh 09/13

Ken Kaschak 09/15

Anniversary Wishes



Mary Rose & Tom Rebraca 09/10

Jessica & Jeffrey Painter 09/14



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Muffin Rummell

Elder Chuck Reinhart

Deacon Debbie Rendes

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange

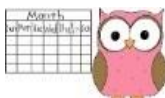


Thank you for your Generosity

September 03rd \$2,335

August 27th \$971

August 20th \$1,150



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 10th 10:30am Worship
Rally Day
160th Birthday

Monday, September 11th 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Thursday, September 14th 4:30pm M.R. Football
Team Dinner

Sunday, September 17th 9:15am Church School
(All ages)
10:30am Worship
Backpack Blessing
Communion
Fellowship

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Alyssa Strange

Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
9am-1pm

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