



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JUNE 26, 2022

THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:00am 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

Every moment is a new creation.

God gives us the gift of mortal life and, in Christ Jesus, the promise of eternal life.

As we live in the Spirit, we know joy and peace today, and glimpse the glory that is to come.

Therefore, let us worship the Triune God.

***HYMN 486** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of prophets, apostles and martyrs; God the crucified and risen Son;
God the Spirit of faith, hope and love:
we confess that we have not followed Your lead or obeyed Your commandments. You would
guide us to a richness of life that we can hardly imagine.
The paths we have chosen have taken us to dark, sorrowful places where we have done
harm to others and ourselves.
Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Turn us away from deathly ways.
Help us to be faithful disciples of Him who gave Himself for our salvation, 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

"God is good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all who call on the name of the Lord"
(Psalm 86:5).

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

SUNG RESPONSE 280

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

GOD’S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah^[a] said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

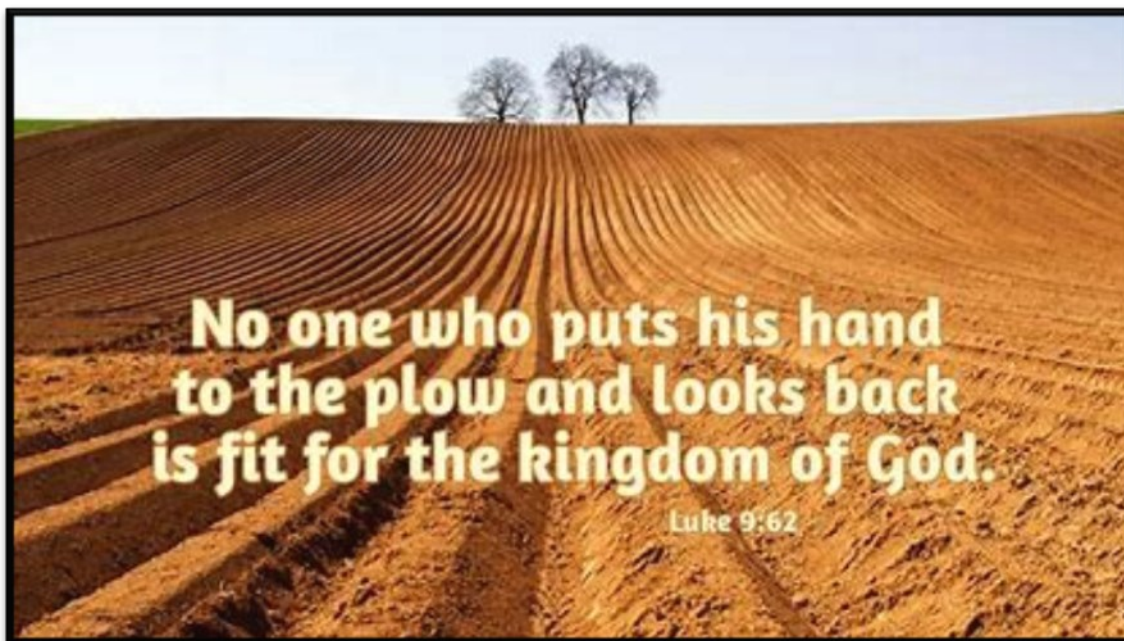
*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus^[c] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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



SERMON

Going in the Right Direction

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 357**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee In closer, dearer company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way
In peace that only Thou canst give With Thee, O Master, let me live.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Holy Spirit helps believers grow in the new life.
The Christian fellowship is not a society of perfect people.
The struggle between the old way of life and the new is severe.
Yet the Spirit produces among followers of Jesus
 love, joy, peace,
 and victories in the battle against evil.
We believe the Holy Spirit works today
 whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.
As long as we live we struggle with sin,
 but the Spirit's presence assures us
 God will complete what has been begun in us.**

(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 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!**

DEDICATION PRAYER

All good gifts come to us as expressions of Your love, O God. We believe that Jesus Christ is the ultimate embodiment of that love. The offerings we present are meant to serve as signs of our gratitude. We dedicate them to the work of the Church, and we recommit ourselves to service in the name of Christ. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 391**

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN VERSE 322**

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

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.

Presbytery-wide Summer Challenge - "Light a Fire"

Eastminster has made a commitment to be with children, youth, and young adults, as inspired by the Pentecost Offering and challenge each of our congregations to do the same. Since Triennium is canceled, we are committing to send **any youth you know** (ages 12-18) to a faith-formation event this year, with our blessings, prayers, and payment. Funds previously set aside, plus offerings received at the June meeting will join the support of congregations in finding friends (and funding) for any young person whom the Spirit will call. (see attachment for more info).



Congratulations to Rusty Garland as he celebrates his retirement after 39 years as the Maintenance Director for Weathersfield Township.

The "Little Library" is open!

We have obtained more shelving for more books. If you have books to give to us just bring them into the lounge and place on the shelves. Anyone can come in and take a book. It is not a loan nor is there any cost. Just freebie's giving away what others bring in. We especially would like to have children's books donated. We plan on inviting those who come for our food distribution to use our library. They have children who would be excited to have a new book or so. You may enjoy some summer reading - if so check out our "Little Library".



***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).***



**Macaroni & Cheese,
Spaghetti Sauce,
Pasta and Cereal**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 26 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, June 27 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, July 03 10:00am 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)
 Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

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)
 Larry Schmidt (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



Weekly Offering

6/12 \$1,278

6/05 \$2,440

5/29 \$2,204.95



Yvonne Rentz 6/28

Anthony Rentz 7/02



David & Nancy Pugh 6/26



OFFICE HOURS

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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

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MUSIC: Anita Miller

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