



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**July 02, 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**

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

**OPENING PRAYER** – *let us pray.*

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us

with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. **Amen.**

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

The word of God came to Jonah

**The word of God comes to us:**

Go

**Despite your fears**

Speak

**the truth of God**

Love

**your neighbor and your enemy**

Forgive

**as you have been forgiven**

Receive

**grace upon grace**

**overflowing from the fullness of God.**

Come, let us worship God!

**\*HYMN #22**

*God of the Sparrow*

*God of the sparrow*

*God of the whale*

*God of the swirling stars*

*How does the creature say Awe*

*How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earthquake*

*God of the storm*

*God of the trumpet blast*

*How does the creature cry Woe*

*How does the creature cry Save*

*God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life*

*God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home*

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

*Like Jonah, we often turn away from God and refuse to listen. Then, when we do listen, become upset because things aren't going the way we thought they should. Still, God remains faithful, ever present with us, in the midst of our storms and our whales. May the whispers of our hearts be pleasing to God. Let us confess our sins, first in silence.*

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

**Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God’s love. **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 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.*

*Gracious Lord, like Jonah, we hear your Word with many questions and fears. Like the sailors tossing Jonah overboard, we're captivated by finding the solution to the problems we have. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, we ask that you do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

*Jonah 1: 1-7*

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were

afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, 'What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.' The sailors said to one another, 'Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.'

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

## **SECOND READING**

*Jonah 1:8-17*

So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, 'Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?' 'I am a Hebrew,' he replied. 'I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.' Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, 'What is this that you have done!' For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, 'What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?' For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, 'Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.' Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried

out to the Lord, 'Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.' So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

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

**\*HYMN #339 (GtG)**

*Lift Every Voice And Sing*

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way  
that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path  
through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine  
of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.*

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered**



**under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father mighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 #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.*

**God of grace, you are the source of all we have  
gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we  
receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of  
our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as  
your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. 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)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

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)

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

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)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Family of Melissa Keeley

Joan Williams

Kellan Schmidt (Meyers' friend)

Dot Cathers (Jane Meyers' friend)

John & Tamara Anderson (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

## **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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We are in need of a church custodian. This is a part-time position working 8 hrs/wk. If you or anyone you may know is interested please call the church office at 330-652-5712 (option 2). Schedule is flexible!

Hello Church Family! On Sunday, July 23rd we will be having our summer potluck. Church growth will be

providing hotdogs. Please feel free to bring a side if you would like! Weather permitting; Pastor Kori will be holding services outside under the pavilion at the manse. We will also be taking some photos, so please feel free to wear your FPCMR shirts if you have them! Bring a chair and enjoy some good food and company. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Birthday Wishes**



Sam Crozier 07/03  
Nicole Fening 07/05



**Anniversary Wishes**

Nicole & Patrick Fening 07/04

**Responsibilities**



Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*  
Liturgist- *Lisa Sorg*  
Elder- *Ted Smith*  
Deacon- *Debbie Rendes*  
Music- *Andrew Karkosiak*  
Story Circle- *Olivia Meyers*  
Media- *Alyssa Strange*

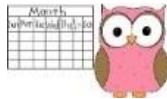


**Thank you for your Generosity**

June 25<sup>th</sup> \$1,741

June 18<sup>th</sup> \$891

June 11<sup>th</sup> \$3,231



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, July 02<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 03<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Tuesday, July 04<sup>th</sup>  **Happy Independence Day!**

Sunday, July 09<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am Worship/Fellowship  
/Communion

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

Reverend Kori Robbins  
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### **Christian Educator**

Carole Rummell

### **Administrative Assistant**

April Dahl  
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### **Custodians**

Vacant

### **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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