



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 21, 2022

THE 11TH 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

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**

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –

Because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 223** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's Name;
bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;
to their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.

Unto such as keep God's covenant and are steadfast in God's way;
unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion; bless the LORD of all, my soul!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus calls us follow him, and he will not lead us astray.

His path is one of forgiveness and renewal. Know that you are forgiven, and so you are ready
to go out and serve! Amen.

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 OF ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 58: 9-14*

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING *Psalms 103: 1-8*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This is the Word of the Lord. **Amen.**

***Kindergarten and younger children may now leave
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall***

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years,

be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

LIFTED BURDENS

PASTOR KORI ROBBINS



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 356 "COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"**

Come Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing. Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee!
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it Seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his 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," 10.1)

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.

HYMN 538

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

BENEDICTION

The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you. There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Amen.

*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.*

“The Irish word Croí (pronounced “Kree”) means “heart” and is the name for the chapel space in Corrymeela, a beautiful circular place of prayer, built into the ground, with a living roof and echoes. In the Croí, we have prayers, we had dialogues, silence, and our morning and evening liturgies.” —Pádraig Ó Tuama, *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community*. Canterbury Press, 2017.

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.

The Presbytery meeting is on September 6th, among the many other things being discussed, Kori is being examined by the Presbytery. She'll be preaching and answering a series of questions. It would be wonderful if anybody from the church would be able to come down and listen, provide support, and be a friendly face in the crowd. Meeting will be held at Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Mnr, Poland, OH.

Pending the approval of the Presbytery on September 6th, Kori's ordination and installation will be held on September 18th at 2:00 pm at FPCMR. Members of the Presbytery have been invited, as well as Kori's own pastor from Montana. A little reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



We all have seen on our televisions the flood disaster in eastern Kentucky. At this point 37 lives have been lost. They expect to find more. Homes are gone or damaged beyond repair. This is when we are in place to be what God wants us to be. Helping our neighbor. Resources are needed now but will be needed in the weeks, months and years to come. Making a donation will enable the denomination to be in a position to support the long-term recovery. You can use an envelope in the pews or just send in your donation and our Treasurer will make sure it goes to the PDA.

Christian Education

We are sorry to learn that Miss Ella Parrone, Story Circle attendant, will be leaving us as of the end of August she has been a faithful staff member and we will certainly miss her. She will be a senior at Youngstown State University and will have a heavy schedule. We want to wish her well as she moves on with her studies that will prepare her for her life's work. We are now looking to hire a Story Circle attendant for 1-1/2 hours or so on Sunday mornings usually between 10:15 and 11:45 when we return to worship this fall. The applicants must be at least 18 years old, enjoy working with children, and provide a safe, secure place for children to play and enjoy each other. She or he must pass a background check. Applications can be received from Jane Meyers, Chair of Personnel or Carole Rummell, Educator.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 21	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, August 22	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, August 23	10am-12pm	Food Distribution
	6:30pm	Committee Night
Thursday, August 25	4pm-6pm	M.R. High Football Dinner
Sunday, August 28	10:00am	Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn Helen Redmond
Marlyne Young



HEALTH CONCERNS

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)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father.)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Betty Garland
Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)

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



Ken McCabe 8/21 Makayla Warrick 8/25
Nicole Pugh 8/21



OFFICE HOURS

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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Kori Robbins

LITURGIST: Melissa Keeley

ELDER: Lisa Sorg

DEACON: Darlene Smith

MUSIC: Anita Miller