



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 07, 2022

THE 9TH 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**

God of Zion, you listen to prayer—

and all living things come to you.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near –

those who live in your courts.

You crown the year with your goodness;

your paths overflow with rich food.

(from Psalm 65:1,4,10)

***HYMN 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou are mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion,

in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,

but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen,

and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.

Grant us wisdom to live in your light

and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to bring back to God
all things in heaven or on earth” (from Colossians 1:19-20).
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 Psalm 81:1-10

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.
For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt.
I hear a voice I had not known:
‘I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.
In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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



SERMON

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The Rev. Meta Cramer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 507**

I Come with Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free;
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends;
the love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord; his presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We welcome all in the name of Christ.

**Invited to the table where none shall go hungry,
we gather as Christ's guests and friends.**

In holy communion

**we are commissioned to feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.**

**The open table speaks of the shining promise
of barriers broken and creation healed.**

**We taste the mystery of God's great love for us,
and are renewed in faith and hope.**

(from "A Song of Faith," The United Church of Canada, 2006)

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

Almighty God, Giver of all mercies, we thank you for all the blessings of this life, and we praise you for Jesus, your Word made flesh, who dwelt among us, and who invites us to draw close to you. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving, including prayers of intercession:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. ... ending with

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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.

As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.

As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.

As we have been loved, help us to love the world –

because in Jesus Christ, you have loved us. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 514** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

***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.*

*Today's sermon art is "Christ in the House of Martha and Mary,"
a painting finished in 1655 by Johannes Vermeer.
It is now in the Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh.*

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.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO REV. META CRAMER



We owe a sense of gratitude to Rev. Meta as she has served us for the past 18 months as our Temporary Pastor. The time has come for her now to leave us as we have just voted on Kori Robins to be our full-time installed pastor beginning August 1.

Rev. Meta will be preaching her last sermon with us on August 7 and there will be a reception for her in Fellowship Hall after worship. She has visited the sick and homebound, she has led us as we gather as the Session and Deacon's, she has been available for texts, e-mails, and phone calls, she has served us well for these 18 months so now she will take her leave and enjoy some time for her husband, her hobbies, and her animals. She and husband Steve will be leading a group to Scotland this fall so if you are interested ask her about the trip. God speed to our good friend and pastor, Rev. Meta.

The Little Library

The Christian Education Committee is pleased that many are participating in the giving and taking books from our "Little Library". Some have brought children's books and we hope others may also contribute children's books. We will be inviting those who come to our food distribution (which is August 23) to check out our "Little Library" and participate in the sharing of books. Many of them have children and we will be encouraging them to use the children's books.

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 7	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, August 8	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, August 9	6:30pm	CE Meeting (Carole's)
Sunday August 14	10:00am	Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young



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)
 Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
 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)
 Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father.)
 Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
 Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
 Stan Alex (Dale, Kathy Graham Brother-in-Law)
 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



Weekly Offering

7/31 \$1,175

7/24 \$1,106

7/17 \$1,458



Austin Reese 08/09

Thomas Crozier 08/10



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00am to 1:00pm

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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY



PREACHER: Meta Cramer

LITURGIST: Debbie Rendes

ELDER: Lisa Sorg

DEACON: Melissa Keeley

MUSIC: Anita Miller



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