



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**14th Sunday of Pentecost
September 3rd, 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.*

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 #469**

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken, like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.*

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.*

*Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light, Eden saw play!*

*Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.*

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 #522**

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

*Lord when I came into this life
You called me by my name;
Today I come commit myself,
Responding to Your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith
As member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
Of future present past.*

*In all the tensions of my life,
Between my faith and doubt,
Let Your great Spirit give me hope,
Sustain me lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief
And let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth,
My sights set high on You.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a Creator God, who clothes the world in wildflowers, the God of all creatures great and small. We believe in the God of Christ Jesus the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth. We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek, goes the extra mile, who welcomes home even the most world-weary of travelers. We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ,

who sweated blood in an Olive Grove, and kept the faith to the very end. We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day did a thing so prodigious that even his friends were dismayed with joy. We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the Source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do. 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 #291 (GtG)** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain:

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep,
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”*

Refrain

*You swept through the desert; You stung with the sand;
And you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confound with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets
To open their eyes. **Refrain***

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence
When the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
When you blew through your people
On the rush of the wind. **Refrain***

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain***

***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

Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill'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.

Regular worship hours will resume next Sunday, September 10th. See you at 10:30am.

Children will have an opportunity to share prayers for Grandparents as we recognize Grandparent's Day next Sunday, September 10th.

Our Rally Day/160th Birthday celebration will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10th. A main dish and dessert

will be provided. Please bring a side to share. The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place the following week Sunday, Sept. 17th.

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

Cards of encouragement for Rusty Garland would be appreciated. His new address is: Aventura at Humility House, room 19b, 755 Ohltown Rd, Austintown, OH 44515.



Birthday Wishes

Danielle Williams 09/04

Michael Craver 09/05

09/07

Shirley Dull 09/09

Anniversary Wishes



Lisa & Will Sorg 09/04



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Matt Glidewell

Elder Chuck Reinhart

Deacon Debbie Rendes

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange

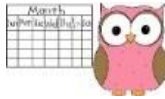


Thank you for your Generosity

August 27th \$971

August 20th \$1,150

August 13th \$2,076



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September, 3rd 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, September, 4th 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Thursday September, 7th 4:30pm M.R. Football
Team Dinner

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

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
9am-1pm

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