



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

18th Sunday of Pentecost

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *let us pray.*

Mwari wedu (Our God who is)

Musiki wedu (Our Creator God)

Nyadenga wedu (Our Heavenly Father)

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships.

Bless us with anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed
for those who suffer from pain,
rejection, starvation and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

*Muzita raBaba,
nere Mwanakomana,
nere Mweya Mutsvene.*

(In the name of the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.)

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

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name! Amen!

***HYMN #65 (GtG)** *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 – *Please be seated.*

*Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth
about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of
God's children let us confess our sins, first in silent
prayer.*

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

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us siblings and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,” through whom our sins were forgiven. May he

help us to continue to “preach peace to those who are near and far.” Amen. (*Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17*)

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.*

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-7

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

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

SECOND READING

Exodus 3: 8-15

and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent

you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”:

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #769 (GtG)** *For Everyone Born (vs. 1,3,5)*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead. **Refrain***

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong. **Refrain***

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain***

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

(If you prefer to give online you may scan this code to be directed to the Giving Page)



***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.*

**O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is,
there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come
bringing our treasures—all that we have and all
that we are. We come seeking your treasure—
treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint.
Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may
boldly share it with others. Amen.**

EUCCHARIST – *see insert*

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #** *We are the Church!*

(See song sheet)

***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)

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)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Shirley Brodie

Carole Rummell

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Refugees throughout the world
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
Victims of natural disasters

Announcements

Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into the bulletin.

On Saturday October 21st, 2023, First Presbyterian Church and Ohltown Methodist Church will be hosting a blessing of the Pets at the First Presbyterian Church. The blessing will begin at 12pm and a small lunch will follow. The blessing will take place outside in the Manse yard and will be performed by Pastor Kori and Pastor Jim. We do request if you have a reactive pet that you bring a photo to have blessed.

Meet the Candidates Night will take place Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm. Join us in Fellowship Hall for

this highly informative event.

October 29th, will be our next potluck! The Church Growth committee will be hosting a Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree Brunch and will be providing pancakes and sausage. Please feel free to bring a side to share and dress up in a family friendly costume! We look forward to seeing you there!

We will be selling the vouchers once again this year around the holidays to help fund our community pantry. We will have two food distributions for the holidays in November and December. Should you have any questions please reach out to Tim Gleason.



Birthday Wishes

Mark Rendes 10/07

Anniversary Wishes



McKenzie & Casey Ruthrauff 10/01

Paul & Debby Wasilewski 10/04

Tom & Helen Redmond 10/05

Kristi & Joey Bane 10/07



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Lisa Sorg

Elder Sue McCabe

Deacon Debbie Rendes

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange

Thank you for your Generosity

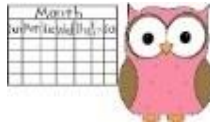


We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!

September 24th \$1,220

September 17th \$2,240

September 10th \$2,784



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 1st 9:15am Church School
World Communion Sunday 10:30am Worship/
Communion/
Fellowship

Monday, October 2nd 6:30pm Deacons Meet
7:00pm Al-Anon/
Al-Ateen

Thursday, October 5th 10:00am Sewing Guild
4:30pm M.R. Football
Team Dinner

Sunday, October 8th 9:15am Church School
10:30am Worship
Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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