



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JULY 03, 2022

THE 4TH 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

Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

God's grace is sufficient for us;

in Christ, the weak are made strong. (Psalm 30:4, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

***HYMN 285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image, Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy And the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship Joined in one community.
When we blur Your gracious image, Focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as Your people, We move onward toward Your goal.

God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

**We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, violence, and greed.

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

KYRIE #572

"Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. . . " (from Lamentations 3:22-23).

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 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 6:1-5 (*Contemporary English Version*)

My friends, you are spiritual. So if someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path. But watch out, and don't be tempted yourself. You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong. Do your own work well, and then you will have something to be proud of. But don't compare yourself with others. We each must carry our own load.

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

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Mr. Tim Gleason
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*



SERMON

Declaring Interdependence

The Rev. Meta Cramer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 423** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The church exists within political communities.

**Throughout its history the church has struggled
to be faithful to God in political situations:**

under persecution,

or as an established arm of the state,

or in separation from it.

God rules over both political and religious institutions.

We must confuse neither with the kingdom of God.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

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

Generous God, we thank you for our country, for the abundance that
surrounds us, and most of all for your Word that became flesh in Jesus Christ.
Teach us to show our gratitude by seeking justice and peace in all the world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 561** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills.
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

***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.*

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 "Little Library" is open!

We have obtained more shelving for more books. If you have books to give to us just bring them into the lounge and place on the shelves. Anyone can come in and take a book. It is not a loan nor is there any cost. Just freebie's giving away what others bring in. We especially would like to have children's books donated. We plan on inviting those who come for our food distribution to use our library. They have children who would be excited to have a new book or so. You may enjoy some summer reading - if so check out our "Little Library".



A resident of Continuing Health Care in Mineral Ridge is in need of a dresser. If you have an extra one, please consider a donation. Donations of small decorative items, especially holiday items, are always appreciated as well.

A local 2nd grader is collecting pop tops for The Ronald McDonald House. There is a container in Fellowship Hall on the counter under the bulletin board.

(All types of aluminum can tops will be accepted.)



If anyone would like their blood pressure taken before or after church, please ask one of our nurses on the Health Ministries Task Force. (Jill Fabian, Marnie Bonsall, Sherry Gleason).



**Macaroni & Cheese,
Spaghetti Sauce,
Pasta and Cereal**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 3 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 4 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday July 10 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Dorothy Jones



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)
 Russell Golden (Meyers' Friend)
 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)
 Larry Schmidt (Meyers' friend)
 Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
 Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
 Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
 Joe Koch

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

6/19 \$2,731.35

6/12 \$1,278

6/05 \$2,440



RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Meta Cramer

LITURGIST: Suzie McCabe

ELDER: Jane Meyers

DEACON: Sherry Gleason

MUSIC: Anita Miller



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