



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024**

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.*

Living God,

When our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples,
he greeted them in peace
and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them.

Breathe your Spirit upon us

as we gather to welcome Christ

with glad hearts and joyful voices.

Meet us here, we pray;

open our ears to hear you speaking
and our hearts to respond with joy.
Fashion us into an Easter people,
and send us out
to proclaim what we have seen and heard:
Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed!** Amen.

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

Come, let us worship God!

We come with joy and amazement. We come, startled and frightened. We come as we are.

We assemble together, saying “It is true!”

Are not our hearts burning within us?

Look! Touch and see! It is Jesus!

He has appeared! Our Lord is risen indeed!

Christ stands among us, saying “peace be with you.”

And we are witnesses of all these things!

***HYMN #123**

Jesus Christ Has Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

*But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

When we admit our faults and our failings, we make room for the still small voice of God to speak, to us and through us. Before God, let us confess the ways we wound our lives, and the life of the world. Let us confess our sins, first in silence; then, together.

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

We come running, looking for you, Risen Christ, but you are not where we expect you to be. As always, you are to be found among the living—those living at the edge, those living with uncertainty, those living in ways we cannot imagine and may not approve. We come running, our hands full of things and our minds full of self-reliance, only to find that you have been here already, you have rolled away the stone and called us to trust your word.

Today as we peer once again into your empty tomb, remind us of all you have told us, and then guide our feet to follow. Fill the empty tombs of

our hearts with your love that cannot be contained. Breathe new life into us, into your church, into your world, and overcome our fear of change so that we too may be found among the living. Turn our expectations upside down, and lead us into the new and different world you are creating, even now, even here. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this good news: God is not far from each one of us. In every breath, the Spirit makes us new, alive with Christ!

We are forgiven, loved, and free.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.*

Risen Christ, fill us with your Spirit and speak peace to us through these words of scripture. As we hear you, let our love overflow with knowledge and insight, and teach us to live in you, to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-9

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’
Let the house of Aaron say,
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’
Let those who fear the Lord say,
‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.
With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #108**

Christ is Alive

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing here and now
And touching every place and time.*

*Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.*

*In every insult, rift, and war
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.*

*Christ is alive! And comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till Earth and sky and ocean ring,
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and

our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

(from “A Declaration of Faith,” 1977)

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

(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.*

**God of grace, you are the source of all we have
gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we
receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of
our commitment to claim Christ’s resurrection as
your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN** *Every Morning is Easter Morning (See Sheet)*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE** *Go On Your Way in Peace*

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Let your left foot say, “Glory”

And your right say, “Amen.”



Easter Flowers & Memorials

In Honor of

Terry Keeley, Sr.
Grandma (Debbie Rendes)
Happy Easter

In Memory of

Ralph & John Grady
John F. & Betty Brodie
Albert & Mary Grady
Corilee Farrimond
Daryl Moore
George & Ann Kaschak
Shirley Craig
Dee & Andy Mulichak
Jack & Geraldine Lightner
Grandpa Lou & Grandma Mary
Algenia & Willis Rummell
Ralph & Ellen Crawford
Loved Ones Who Have Gone
Before Us
Brandon Groves
Mom & Dad
Jim Flores
Don Hudzik
Albert Williams & Vicki Williams
Harry & Grace Brendlinger

Given By

Aunt Gayle
Andrew Rendes
Jami Goodman

Given By

Tom & Shirley Brodie
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Will, Lisa and Alyssa
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The Kaschak Family
The Kaschak Family
Tom & Helen Redmond
Tom & Helen Redmond
Andrew Rendes
Carole Rummell
Carole Rummell
Tim & Sherry Gleason

Marnie Bonsall
Marty O'Neill
Marty O'Neill
Marty O'Neill
The Brendlinger Family
The Brendlinger Family

Prayer List

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Marlyne Young Shirley Dull Helen Redmond

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

Names will be taken off after 6 weeks, unless otherwise noted.

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)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Chuck & Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)
Shirley Brodie
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)
Terry Keeley Sr
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)
Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Family of Mary Alice Seaborn
Family of Joe Koch

Prayers for the World

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
World Leaders
Refugees
Peace and healing for our country and the world
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Ukraine
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

Announcements

A memorial service will be held for Joe Koch on Sunday, April 7th. Please keep the Koch family in your prayers as they navigate this difficult time.

Session is convening a Safety Planning Committee. More details will be coming soon.

A Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 12th. Please contact Rosie Rebraca or January Rendes if you would like to donate any items for this event.



Birthday Wishes

Ken Wilson 04/03

Tom Morris 04/03

Robert Palomo 04/05



Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- January Rendes

Elder- Carole Rummell

Deacon- Rosie Rebraca

Music- Marnie Bonsall/Andrew Karkosiak

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian

Thank you for your generosity

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



03/24/24 \$1,170

03/17/24 \$3,515.66

03/10/24 \$1,120

(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420

Received to date \$1,266.50)

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