



# First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 8th 2022

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30a.m.



*This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.*

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am 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](http://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**

A great multitude that no one could count stood before the throne  
and before the Lamb, crying out in a loud voice,

**“Salvation belongs to our God on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

The Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd,  
**and he will guide them to the water of life.**

*(from Revelation 7:9-10,19)*

### **\*HYMN 473      *For the Beauty of the Earth***

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,  
Friends of earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mirth,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, the Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy on us, according to your promises,  
and grant that we may live holy, just, and humble lives  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### **KYRIE #572**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

“The God of peace has raised from death our Lord Jesus, who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep... and who will provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will. ... *(from Hebrews 13:20-21)*.

Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **SUNG RESPONSE** *(Glory to God 838)*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

## **GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## **THE GOSPEL LESSON**     John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

## **THE SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**     Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**SERMON**

*Empowering Belief*

*Ruling Elder Ruth Cole*



## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*HYMN 276**

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks,  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers from every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*(from "A Brief Statement of Faith," 1991)*

### **RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

*Lori Brendlinger*

*Today we honor 2022 High School Graduate Anthony Rentz.*

### **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 (TUNE 411)**

Since God so loved the world, that love we now must share  
With all whose need is as our own, whose pain we now help bear.

## **DEDICATION PRAYER**

Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you;  
and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*HYMN 555**     *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God who reign in highest heaven  
To father and to Son And Spirit now be given  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
the God who was, and is and shall be evermore.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN VERSE 104**

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, every -one!

*Today we welcome Ruling Elder Ruth Gerrard Cole,  
a member of the New Lisbon Presbyterian Church, to our pulpit.  
She is a member of Eastminster Presbytery's  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry.*

## 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.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**The last day of church school classes will be on Sunday, May 22. Classes for all ages will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 11.**



**Congratulations to Anthony Rentz** upon his graduation from Jackson Milton Schools. Anthony joined our congregation by way of Profession of Faith under the guidance of Pastor Jamie Milton.



Remember the Free Pancake Breakfast we had in December of 2019 before the Covid pandemic hit? The Deacons are planning another Free Pancake Breakfast for Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 9 am to 11 am. Mark this date on your calendar and be on the lookout for more information to follow!

*Thank you!*

***"Thank you all for the wonderful retirement celebration on Sunday. I truly had the best "job" ever. I love my church family."***

***—Jane Meyers***

### Weekly Offering

5/01 \$

4/24 \$1,773

4/17 \$1,090



***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).***



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 8	10:30am	Worship/Recognition of H.S. Seniors/Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 9	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Sunday May 15	10:30am	Adult Bible Study 9:30am/ Worship/Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

**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.)**



## 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)

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)

Rev. Jeanine Haven (Jane 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)

### 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



Dianne Stoddard 5/11

James Stoddard 5/14

Eva Pugh 5/15

Nicole & Paul McMullen 5/08

Shirley & Donald Dull 5/10



### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00am to 1:00pm

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### RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

**RULING ELDER:** Ruth Gerard Cole

**LITURGIST:** Yvonne Rentz

**ELDER:** Nicole McMullen

**DEACON:** Darlene Smith

**ORGANIST:** Anita Miller

**Rev. Meta Cramer 330-921-1114**