



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 29nd 2022

THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER /ASCENSION SUNDAY

10:00a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

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

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

(Psalm 47:1-2)

***HYMN 155** *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and Heaven,
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come,
To glorify the saints for their eternal home;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us, and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"God raised Jesus Christ on the third day. . . He is Lord of all -- the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. And everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (from Acts 10:36,40-43).

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 93

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.
The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the LORD on high is mighty.
Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

SERMON

When Calendars Collide

The Rev. Meta Cramer



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 151**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul and sing Of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love, Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease Absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never never fail, Throughout eternity.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

(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 (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

**Great and mighty God,
We rejoice before Christ's throne of power and peace,
for he has put down tyrannies and unmasked idols.
We thank you that he alone is Lord of our lives.
Give us freedom to love with his love,
and to embrace the world with his compassion.
Accept the offering of our lives, that we may serve
in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 564** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

***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's sermon art – a mosaic depicting the ascended Lord Jesus – is found
in All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London.*

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.

FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST JUNE 11, 2022

Please invite your friends, neighbors and others in our community to the FREE Community Pancake Breakfast on June 11, 2022 from 9 to 11 am at our church. **EVERYONE** is welcome! Please plan to attend! Bring your Christian love, warmth and compassion with you as we share this meal with others in our community.

If you would like to volunteer to help on June 11th, please contact Melissa Keeley or Sherry Gleason. Our goals are to create community with our neighbors, invite our neighbors to worship with us and to provide a delicious breakfast for everyone!



Did you know that every year on the second Saturday in May, the postal workers ask us to put out by our mailboxes non-perishable groceries for their "Fill a bag, Feed a Family" campaign to stock the local food pantries for those in need? Jan Rambo's mail person stopped and told her that all the food they collect in Mineral Ridge, they wanted to donate to our food pantry and the food they collect in Niles was going to Niles Community Services. Arrangements were made and the post office brought a nice amount of assorted items to our church. Big shout out to the postal workers!

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for June 5 2022, immediately following worship for the sole purposes of the election of officers and amending the Congregation's by-laws.



Macaroni
& Cheese,
Spaghetti
Sauce,
Pasta and
Cereal

Weekly Offering

	<i>Grateful Givers</i>	5/22	\$1,636
		5/15	\$1,253
	5/08	\$2,824	

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 29	10:00am*	Worship/ Fellowship
Monday, May 30	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday May 31	4:00pm	Book Group
Sunday June 5	10:00am*	Worship/ Fellowship

* Note time change Summer Worship Schedule resumes

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



5/29 Tracey Palomo

5/30 Debbie Rendes

5/31 Sherri Craver



OFFICE HOURS

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9:00am to 1:00pm

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