



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 15th 2022

THE 5TH 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 (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 praise to God, who changes our mourning to dancing.

Sing praise to Christ, who offers healing to our sickness.

Sing praise to the Spirit, who brings peace to our turmoil.

Sing praise to God, who gives us strength for the journey.

Singing God's praises,

we come to worship and pray.

***HYMN 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee Center of unbroken praise;

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;

Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior.

We come to you with the hope of your restoration.

We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens.

We are even blinded to our own!

**We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share
about the good things that you have done for us.**

**We even keep our actions silenced
as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world
that we do nothing to overcome them.**

Fill us with your peace and with your mercy.

Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven.
Therefore, peace, my siblings!
In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!
Thanks be to God!

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 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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



SERMON

Sealed in Christ

The Rev. Cathy Ulrich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Holy Spirit

initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community

**in which we know that God loves us
and accepts us in spite of who we are.**

**We therefore accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand
except God's grace.**

**As we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ,
we live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that the new life is pleasing to God
and helpful to others.**

(from "The Confession of 1967")

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

Holy God, we praise you, for you have made us one with Christ.
May we be one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art,
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast,
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be,
End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive,
Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be,
Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restor'd in thee;
Chang'd from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***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!

*We welcome the Rev. Cathy Ulrich,
the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery.
to our pulpit this morning.*

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 15. Classes for all ages will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 11.

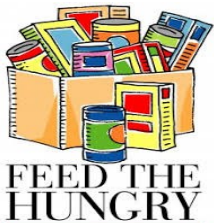


Please join us today after Worship as we have a conversation about what it means to be Presbyterian. A light lunch will be served.



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!

Tom & Helen Redmond are in need of in-home nursing care. If you or someone you know could assist them please email or call the church office.



**Reminder: Mineral Ridge Community Parish
meets Thursday 5/19 at 9am.**

Weekly Offering

5/08 \$2,824

5/01 \$2,556

4/24 \$1,773



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).



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.)



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 15	10:30am	Adult Bible Study 9:30am/ Worship/Conversation
Monday, May 16	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday May 17	4:00pm	Book Group
	6:30pm	Committee Night
Thursday May 19	9:00am	Community Parish Meeting
Sunday May 22	10:30am	Adult Bible Study 9:30am/ 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)

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



5/16 David Rummell
 5/16 Samara Fabian
 5/17 Darlene Smith
 5/19 Betty Garland
 5/21 Hayley Pugh



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
 9:00am to 1:00pm
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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Cathy Ulrich

LITURGIST: Sherry Gleason

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DEACON: Darlene Smith

MUSIC: Richard Baker

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