



# First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JUNE 19, 2022

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](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

God our refuge, send out your light and your truth;

**let them lead us;**

let them bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

**Let us worship you with exceeding joy. (from Psalm 43:3-4a)**

**\*HYMN 482**      *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

"Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The past is finished and gone; everything has become fresh and new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).  
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 Psalm 42:1-8

As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?  
My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
“Where is your God?”  
These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
Deep calls to deep  
at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.  
By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

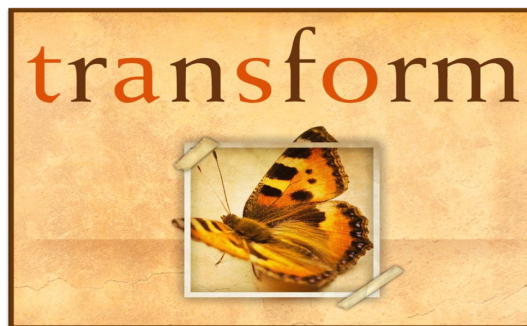
*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone  
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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



**SERMON**

*Changing and Always Being Changed*

*The Rev. Meta Cramer*

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

### **\*HYMN 293**

#### *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, oh let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet, This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And Earth and Heaven be one.

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

#### **Presentation**

*Alyssa Paige Strange is being presented for membership in this  
congregation upon Profession of Faith.*

#### **\*The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Laying on of Hands**

#### **Welcome**

## THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

### Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

There are varieties of gifts,

**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,

**but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

**Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

### Statement on Ordination and Installation

#### Presentation

*Ruling Elders Kenneth Rambo and Charles Reinhart are presented for installation to active service on the Session.*

*Shirley Brodie is presented for ordination as a Deacon, and Deacon Darlene Smith is presented for installation to active service on the Board of Deacons.*

### Constitutional Questions

#### Questions of the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Ken and Chuck as ruling elders, and Shirley and Darlene as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

### Prayer of Ordination and Installation

*All those who have been ordained as Ruling Elders are invited to come forward with the Session for the laying on of hands.*

### Declaration of Ordination and Installation and Welcome

## 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

*Gracious God, we thank you for all the gifts that you have given us so generously. We give you what is your own, to your glory and in love for our neighbors. Amen.*

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

### **\*HYMN 525**                      *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?    *REFRAIN*

*REFRAIN:        Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?    *REFRAIN*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?    *REFRAIN*

## **\*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.



Please keep the Henninger and Rentz families in your thoughts and prayers. Judi's father, James Barca, passed away last week. He was grandfather to Yvonne (Scott) Rentz and great grandfather to Justin and Anthony. There will be a private service for him this week.

The 225 meeting of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will have convened yesterday where co-moderators will have been elected to serve for two years. There will be 471 commissioners and 111 advisory delegates. Over the years the Presbytery has elected a number of our congregation to serve as a commissioner. Commissioners were: 1910 - Elder David Prosser; 1930 - Elder C.W. Weikart; 1958 - Elder William Seifert, Jr; 1979 - Elder Ralph Crawford; 1984 - Elder Carole Rummell; 2001 - Elder Diane Koch. Both Elder Patrick McCabe and Raelyn Crump served as Youth Delegates. There are a few copies of the Pre-GA flyer on the back table. This lays out some of the expected items that this GA will consider. You can follow the committee and plenary sessions via a live stream on the internet, and can track Assembly business through [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org).



***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).***



If you would like to contribute to the ministry of the church, the offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary. Or, you can mail your offerings into the church office: 3654 Main St. Mineral Ridge, OH, 44440. You can also give online via our website ([www.fpcmr.org](http://www.fpcmr.org)) or using your bank's automatic bill pay service.



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

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 19      10:00am      Worship/Fellowship

Monday, June 20      7:00pm      Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday June 26      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)

### 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

6/12 \$

6/05 \$2,440

5/29 \$2,204.95



Natalie Fick 6/20



Suzanne & Ken McCabe 6/21



### OFFICE HOURS

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

**PREACHER:** Rev. Meta Cramer

**LITURGIST:** Val Copanic

**ELDER:** Carole Rummell

**DEACON:** Sherry Gleason

**MUSIC:** Anita Miller

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