



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JULY 24, 2022

THE 7TH 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 (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**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

Your greatness, O God, is unsearchable.

The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand,

satisfying the desire of every living thing. *(Psalm 145:3,15-16)*

HYMN 476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:

our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might and sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

The chariots of Heaven the deep thunder-clouds form, and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;

Hath stablished it fast, by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust are feeble as frail in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail

Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,

we confess that we have tried to hide from you,

for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors, and

refused to bear the troubles of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,

and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness,

that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;

through 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

"God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14).

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 107:1-9,43

O give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those God redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress;

God led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the LORD for steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

For the LORD satisfies the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” and he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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



SERMON

Rich Toward God

The Rev. Meta Cramer

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**

Christ teaches us

**to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.**

It is part of our discipline

**to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury
that threaten our neighbor's survival. (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 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

Eternal God, you created the world, and are the giver of all good.
We thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.
We praise you for your saving love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 422** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Off'ring up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, Lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servant Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred: Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call. Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.

***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.

The "Little Library " is open!

We have obtained more shelving for more books. If you have books to give to us just bring them into the lounge and place on the shelves. Anyone can come in and take a book. It is not a loan nor is there any cost. Just freebie's giving away what others bring in. We especially would like to have children's books donated. We plan on inviting those who come for our food distribution to use our library. They have children who would be excited to have a new book or so. You may enjoy some summer reading - if so check out our "Little Library".



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.)



***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).***



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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 24 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 25 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday July 31 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST



MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

HEALTH CONCERNS

Helen Redmond
 Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
 Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)
 Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
 James Tincer (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)
 Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
 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)
 Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father.)
 Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
 Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
 Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
 Jim Koch

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

7/17 \$1,458

7/10 \$2,871

7/03 \$6,370



Tom & Shirley Brodie 07/29

Cindy Garris 07/24
 Charlene Nutter 07/25
 Shelly Rummell 07/29



OFFICE HOURS

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

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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Meta Cramer

LITURGIST: Tim Gleason

ELDER: Jane Meyers

DEACON: Marnie Bonsall

MUSIC: Anita Miller

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