



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**4th Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023**

Welcome to our church! It is a joy to worship with you on this morning. Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *let us pray.*

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. And so we come before You gratitude and praise,

offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** – *Please stand and join me in the call to worship.*

People of God, open your ears!

Come and celebrate the story of our God,

a story of compassion and mercy,

of redemption and love;

a story passed down from generation to generation,

so that God's people never forget

the wonderful things our God has done!

Let's praise God together!

***HYMN #285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

*God, You spin the whirling planets,
Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy
And the truth that makes us free.*

*You have called us to be faithful
In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
Joined in one community.
When we blur Your gracious image,
Focus us and make us whole.*

*Healed and strengthened as Your people,
We move onward toward Your goal.*

*God, Your word is still creating,
Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image,
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Each week as a community we set aside time to admit our sin. For some, sin is hurting someone else. For others, sin is creating a rift between people. Sin may be our self-induced separation from God. However we understand sin, let us offer to God what lies heavily in our hearts this day, first in silent prayer.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *Please join me in the unison prayer of confession.*

**O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.
We turn our backs when we could embrace.
We remain silent when we could speak.
We speak when we could listen.
We close the door when we could fling it wide open.
We judge when we could seek understanding.
We cling when we could give.
Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, amen.

SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, who grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – *at this time, all children are invited up to hear a short message! After, kindergarten and younger children may leave with Olivia Meyers for Story Circle. For children above kindergarten, there are worship bags with activities to use during worship.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION– *Let us pray.*

God of revelation, unveil your Kingdom in our midst today. Show us who we truly are in you. Pour out your grace upon us, and may the Spirit refresh our hearts in the hearing of your word today and allow us to grow in our faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SECOND READING

Acts 14:8-18

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, 'Stand upright on your feet.' And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest

of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, 'Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.' Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

The Word of God for the People of God. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #302** *I Danced in the Morning*

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

Refrain: *Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance,' said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance,' said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow Me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
They came with Me and the dance went on. **Refrain***

Refrain: *Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance,' said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance,' said He.*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
And they left Me there on a cross to die. **Refrain***

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I still go on. **Refrain***

*They cut Me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord of the dance', said He. **Refrain***

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting indeed that you are always there, we pray to you now as your Son taught us, saying together,

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

In the kingdom of God, we find that generosity of spirit, generosity of possessions & the radical sharing of skills are practiced openly. All gifts are important to God, so as the offering plate comes around, place your hand over it, committing to God that you will use your time, talent and treasures for furthering the work of God's kingdom.

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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** – *Please join me in saying
the prayer of dedication.*

**Loving God, creator of all things, everything on
earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you
richer, for it all comes from you in the first place.
Regardless, we bring what we have, the
acknowledgment that we live thanks to you, and
that without you, we can do nothing. Receive and
bless these gifts for the work of your holy kingdom.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #411** *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

*Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's power will make us strong.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE #743** *Step by Step*

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

Prayer List

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Helen Redmond

Shirley Dull

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

Names will be taken off after 6 weeks, unless noted.

Family of Betty Garland

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)

James Tincher (Marlene's son)

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Marty O'Neill

Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Samara Fabian

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane

Reinhart)

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)

Lacie Weber (Kathy Graham's Daughter)

Kristen Graham (Kathy Graham's Daughter-in-Law)

Amanda (Jessica Painter's friend)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)
Janiece Eischen (Melissa Keeley's Aunt)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country
Casa de Buen Trato
Ukraine
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
Earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria
The Community of East Palestine

Announcements

Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into the bulletin.

Starting May 28th, worship will begin at 10am, and continue at that time through the summer!

Book Club is back! We will meet on Tuesday, May 9th at 4:00pm. We will be reading *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. Future meeting times will be discussed.

On Sunday May 7th, following worship, there will be an emergency drill. After our final song please stay in your seats for further instructions.

On May 14th, Communion Sunday, the Deacons are asking for donations of peanut butter and jelly for the Food Pantry and Backpack Program! We invite you to bring these items up to the front and place them in front of the Communion Table, on the steps.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP!!

Planning for the 2024 Lent/Easter season has not yet begun but you can help the Task Force when they start their planning by answering a Feedback Sheet regarding this past Lent/Easter season. You will find the Feedback Sheets on the table at the back of the sanctuary. It should take you only a few minutes to express your thoughts. After filling one out you can leave it in the blue folder on the table where you picked one up. Your input will greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Birthday Wishes



Brian Williams 05/02

Adrianna Campbell 05/04



Anniversary Wishes

David & Shelly Rummell 05/01

Responsibilities



Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Andy Konsol*

Elder- *Sue McCabe*

Deacon- *Rosie Rebraca*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle - *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

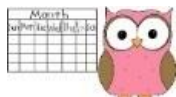


Thank you for your Generosity

April 23rd \$1,151

April 16th \$1,290

April 09th \$2,495



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 30	9:15am	Adult Class
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, May 01	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Al-Ateen
Thursday, May 04	10:00am	Sewing Group
Sunday, May 07	9:15am	Adult Class
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship/ Emergency Drill

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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