



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**3rd Sunday of Pentecost
June 18, 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.*

O God, You call to us from the wild places, You call to us from the inner chambers of our hearts. We come in answer to your call. We come to pray, to praise, to learn of your love for all creation. Reveal your glory that we may see it together - Inform and inspire us to seek your kingdom on earth in our time. Amen.

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

Listen! The voice of God calls out across the ages.

We hear and respond. We rise up to worship God from the valleys, the mountains, and the plains.

Like a shepherd God leads us and tenderly gathers us together.

Comfort, comfort O my people says our God of love.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

But the word of our God will stand forever!

***HYMN #467**

How Great Thou Art

*O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed; Refrain*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain*

*And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*God calls us into the desert, but we follow reluctantly.
Let us confess our sins and commit ourselves to
following the path God has chosen for us.*

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

Saving God, like Israel before us we are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage and we praise you when you vanquish our foes. Yet we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert: the long way, the unknown path, the journey of trial, trust, and refining. Forgive us for questioning the path you have chosen for us. Forgive our complaining along the way. Forgive the times we've stumbled when the journey was long and hard. Deliver us from our Egypts. Lead us on our unexpected journeys. Sustain us in our deserts. Bring us to our promised lands.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In this place we find God's word, God's way,
God's love, God's forgiveness.

What more do we need to sustain us
as we continue as pilgrims along the Way? Know that
you are forgiven and loved.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 can be dismissed to Story Circle with Olivia Meyers. Those older than kindergarten may return to their pews. We have activity bags available for their use in the back.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION– *Let us pray.*

Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people. So, stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry.
Amen.

FIRST READING*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God! See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 1:1-4

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight” ’,
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

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

SERMON

Amber Balista

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #275**

God of Our Life

*God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;*

Be Thou our Guide.

*With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow Thee;*

*When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;
Our Refuge be.*

Be Thou for us in life our daily Bread,

Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father mighty. From there he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *You may be seated.*

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.*

God of grace, you are the source of all we have gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

***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.

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)

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)

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

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Janiece Eischen (Melissa Keeley's Aunt)

Joan Williams

Kellan Schmidt (Meyers' friend)

Dot Cathers (Jane Meyers' friend)

Kathy Graham

Ginny Gilmore
Abbie Postlethwait
John & Kay Robbins (Kori's Grandparents)

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.*

Pastor Kori is hosting a BBQ in the backyard of the Manse on June 20th at 6pm. Bring a dish or beverage to share and a chair to sit in. Spouses and children welcome!

Birthday Wishes



Pastor Kori Robbins 06/18

Natalie Marsteller 06/20



Anniversary Wishes

Sue & Ken McCabe 06/21

Responsibilities



Worship Leader- *Amber Balista*

Liturgist- *Darlene Smith*

Elder- *Andy Konsol*

Deacon- *January Rendes*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle- *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

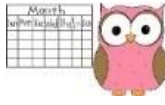


Thank you for your Generosity

June 11th \$3,231

June 04th \$3,040

May 28th \$622



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 18th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, June 19th 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Tuesday June 20th 6:00pm BBQ at Kori's

Sunday, June 25th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
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