



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

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.*

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind— gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives.

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.

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

We gather as God’s beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others –

Let us worship God.

***HYMN #319**

Spirit, Spirit

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,

Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;

Then you coaxed up the mountains

From the valleys of sleep,

And over the eons you called to each thing,

‘Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings’

Refrain

*You swept through the desert; You stung with the sand;
And you gifted your people with a law and a land.
When they were blinded with their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets
To open their eyes. **Refrain***

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence
When the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
When you blew through your people
On the rush of the wind. **Refrain***

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain***

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability,
judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the
scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow
to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk our
confession, first in silent prayer.*

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

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes
we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger
at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance
upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the
good news of our faith and do not consider the**

deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ hear this good news and see the grace of God:

You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.*

Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 18:1-4*

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

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

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I

thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

SERMON

Rev. Meta Cramer

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #289** *O God of Every Nation*

*O God of every nation,
Of every race and land,
Redeem the whole creation
With Your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
And bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us
And heal our strife-torn world.*

*From search for wealth and power,
And scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower
Destruction through the night,*

*From pride of race and station
And blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation,
Eternal God, we pray!*

*Lord, strengthen those who labor
That all may find release
From fear of rattling saber,
From dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Your still small voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter,
Your servants undergird.*

*Keep bright in us the vision
Of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division
Give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious
When peace on earth shall reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious
O'er all the world's domain.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

All creation is good.

We sing of the Creator,

**who made humans to live and move
and have their being in God.**

In and with God,

**we can direct our lives toward right relationship
with each other and with God.**

We can discover our place as one strand in the web of life.

We can grow in wisdom and compassion.

We can recognize all people as kin.

We can accept our mortality and finitude, not as a curse,

but as a challenge to make our lives and choices matter.

(from "A Song of Faith," The United Church of Canada, 2006)

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

(If you prefer to give online you may scan this code to be directed to the Giving Page)



***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #694 (GtG)**

Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care
You are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
The praise is but a start.
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

***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 #369** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE** *Go On Your Way in Joy*

Go on your way in joy, my friends.

Go on your way in joy, my friends.

Go on your way in joy, my friends.

Let your left foot say, "Glory"

And your right say, "Amen."

Prayer List

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Marlyne Young Shirley Dull Helen Redmond

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

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

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
James Tincher (Marlene's son)
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Chuck & Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Shirley Brodie
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)
Terry Keeley Sr
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)
Pam Clay (Cousin of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Family of Joe Koch
Family of Mary Alice Seaborn
Irene Spainhower (Darlene Smith Aunt)

Prayers for the World

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
World Leaders
Refugees
Peace and healing for our country and the world
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Ukraine
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

Announcements

A Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 12th. Please contact Rosie Rebraca or January Rendes if you would like to donate any items for this event.

The Deacons are looking for help on June 8th for the Flag Day Festival Pancake breakfast. We need at least 12 people! If you can help, please let January Rendes or Pastor Kori know!

Summer Worship begins Sunday, May 26th.

See you at 10am!



Birthday Wishes

Tait Rummell 04/24

William Pugh 04/27

Alaya Brendlinger 04/29

Brian Williams 05/02



Anniversary Wishes

Chuck & Diane Reinhart 04/29

David & Shelly Rummell 05/01

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Muffin Rummell

Elder- Sue McCabe

Deacon- January Rendes

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian

Thank you for your generosity!

(We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!)



04/21/24 \$2,411

04/14/24 \$1,313

04/07/24 \$2,174

*(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420
Received to date \$1,299)*



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

Monday, April 29	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
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	10:30am	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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