



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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.*

Holy and loving God, the words you speak are the life and sustenance of all that exists. The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn. The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community. Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things,

may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

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

*(Written by The Rev. Erin Counihan,
adapted from Psalm 119)*

Your word is a lamp to my feet, Lord.

Your word is a light to my path.

Though the world around me tosses and tumbles,

I hold fast to you.

Though I have doubts and worries and I wonder,

I hold fast to you.

Though my heart hurts, my spirit aches, and I lose my way,

I hold fast to you.

Though I encounter wickedness and hate seemingly around every corner,

I hold fast to you.

Your stories and your songs, O Lord-

They comfort me.

Your will and your way, O Lord-

They nudge me along.

Your presence and your promise, O Lord-

They give me hope.

Your world is my heritage and my heart.

And I will turn toward you forever.

I will hold fast to you.

And I will sing praises to your name!

***HYMN #469**

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken, like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself
an act of faith: we trust that the Holy One is interested
in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We
trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us,
too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession
to God, first in silent prayer.*

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

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your
Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow
more each day into the image of Christ.
We confess that we fear what is different. We**

confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose 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 *Psalm 119:105-112*

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage for ever;
they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes
for ever, to the end.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #435**

We All Are One in Mission

*We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.*

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.*

Collaborative Creator God, you call us to join in your work of love in the world, and you equip us with all we need to follow your lead. Now make us generous of hand, heart, and mind, as you are. As we return to you a portion of your gifts, we pray

you would receive them as a sign of our gratitude for your unending love, and guide us as we offer our whole selves in your service, seeking your abundant life for all. Amen.

EUCCHARIST – *See Insert*

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #432**

Song of Hope

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace,
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

Refrain

*Praying, let us work for peace
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

***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)
Jeff Pitzer (friend of Jane Meyers)

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

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!

Birthday Wishes



James Stoddard 05/14
Samara Fabian 05/16
Tuci Pugh 05/15
Darlene Smith 05/17
David Rummell 05/16



Thank you for your generosity!

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

05/05/24 \$3,755

04/28/24 \$888.69

04/21/24 \$2,411

*(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420 Received to date
\$1,331)*

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Sue McCabe

Elder- Lisa Sorg

Deacon- Marty O'Neill

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

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| Sunday, May 12 | 9:15am | Church School |
| | 10:30am | Worship/ Communion/ Mother's Day Bake Sale |
| Monday, May 13 | 7:00pm | Al-Anon & Al-Ateen |
| Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost) | 9:15am | Church School |
| | 10:30am | Worship/ Fellowship/ |

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*Happy Mother's
Day!*

