



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**6th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 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.*

Gracious God, you welcome all people into your kingdom. As we worship today, we ask that you remove the barriers we build to keep people from you, so that all might dwell in your house and live in grace and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

How can we keep still this day?

There is joy in this place!

God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

**Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us!
Amen.**

***HYMN #430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Come sing O church in joy!

Come join O church in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

**Refrain: In bold accord
 come celebrate the journey now
 and praise the Lord**

Long years have come and gone,

And still God reigns supreme

Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!

Refrain

Let courage be our friend,

Let wisdom be our guide

*As we in mission magnify the Crucified! **Refrain***

Come sing O church in joy!

Come join O church in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed O'er the ages long!

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Each week as a community we set aside time to admit our sin. No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior, first in silence.

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

O God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

KYRIE #572

“Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
us, Lord have mercy upon 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, 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 extravagant grace, of extravagant love may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures today, so that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ and grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

FIRST READING *Psalms 36: 5-12*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For

with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart! o not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 3:28-30, 5:1-11

For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves

his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #386**

O For a World

*O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.*

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.

EUCCHARIST – *see insert*

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #514** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

**Refrain: *Jesus lives again;
Earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

*Christ is able to make us one,
At his table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. **Refrain***

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! **Refrain***

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE #743**

Step by Step

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You

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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)
Jane Meyers
Joan Williams
Lenora Jones

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!

This Sunday, May 14th, is 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.

Sunday May 28th is New Member Sunday. Please join us as we welcome several new members as well as baptize others. Please remember to wear red to celebrate Pentecost.

Birthday Wishes



Tuci Pugh 05/15

David Rummell 05/16

Samara Fabian 05/16

Darlene Smith 05/17

Responsibilities 

Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Debbie Rendes*

Elder- *Lisa Sorg*

Deacon- *Shirley Brodie*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle - *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

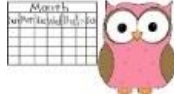


Thank you for your Generosity

May 07th \$3,925

April 30th \$848.41

April 23rd \$1,151



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 14 th	9:15am	Adult Class
	10:30am	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship
Monday, May 15 th	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Al-Ateen
Tuesday, May 16 th	6:30pm	Committee Night
Thursday, May 18 th	7:30pm	Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 21 th	9:15am	Adult Class (Last Day)
	10:30am	Worship/Communion Fellowship

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Pastor's Office Hours

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