

Parma Greece United Church of Christ

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*"No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome at Parma Greece UCC!"*

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Fourth Sunday In Lent
ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

L: We confess, O God, that the way is hard and we are tired:

P: Speak into our tiredness with your story of grace.

L: We confess that the way is unclear and we do not know the path:

P: Speak into our wandering with your story of vision.

L: We confess that we are tired of waiting and we just want to make it happen:

P: Speak into our impatience with your story of wisdom.

L: Let your story be our story, we pray:

P: Amen. Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn: My hope is Built on Nothing Less

Invocation – Unison

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's first confrontation with the powers that be and his final victory over them.

Gloria Patri – Unison

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Collect – Unison

**We are a Pilgrim people, always on the way towards the
promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and
sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may
not lose the way. Together with all the people of God, we will
serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the
day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9

L: For the Word of God in Scripture

P: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Revelation 3:1-6

L: For the Word of God among us

P: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6

L: For the Word of God within us

P: Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily Wake Up!

Organ Response

Call to Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

L: Lord, in your mercy:

P: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – unison

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, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

Sending

L: Go now, confessing Christ as Lord in word and deed. Worship and serve the Lord your God and no other. Stand firm in the time of trial; tell the story of God's goodness and trust in the Lord whose saving word is always with you.

P: Christ Jesus will be our refuge and stronghold, and the Holy Spirit will lead us, putting those words that proceed from the mouth of God on our lips and in our hearts.

L: Now our service is ended. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P: Amen, and thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude