

# 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!"*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**The Prelude**

**Ring of The Bell**

**Word of Greeting and Announcements**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Musical Meditation**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: In this place, the community of faith  
is reminded of the promise:

**People: God's love endures forever!**

Liturgist: In spite of our impatient grumbling,  
despite our attraction to the shadows:

**People: Christ's light shines in us!**

Liturgist: When we think our hands are empty,  
when we have no music in our souls:

**People: the Spirit fills us with glad songs,  
and creates us for good works!**

**\*The Hymn**

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

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### **\*The Call To Confession**

God, Who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

### **\*The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

Gracious God, You have given us Your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us Your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into Your presence Holy One; overcome our separation from one another and from You. By Your Word and Spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, that we may be Your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **\*The Kyrie**



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; Christ, have mer-cy up-on us; Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

### **\*Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Liturgist: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.  
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

**\*An Act of Praise**

"The Gloria Patri"

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

**A Time With Young Christians**

**Child of God, Your loving parent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

**The Collect - Unison**

**Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open Your  
Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see  
clearly and live faithfully by the light of Your truth in  
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Reading of God's Word**

Numbers 21:4-9	Page 139
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Page 559
Ephesians 2:1-10	Page 192

**Liturgist:** For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Liturgist:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to St. John.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

John 3:14-21	Page 94
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**Liturgist:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

"In Good Times and Bad"

The Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Silent Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Of Our Savior

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.

The Prayer Response

"Lord Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

**The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings**

**The Offertory**

**\*The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*The Prayer of Dedication - Unison**

Merciful God, we thank You for Your wonderful works  
among humankind. Accept this offering with the dedication  
of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of Your  
steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Hymn**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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**\*The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace,  
love and care for one another in the name of Christ.  
Go blessed:  
by the assurance of God's presence with you,  
the depth of Jesus' love for you,  
and the strength of the Holy Spirit within you.

**People: Amen.**

**\*The Benediction Response "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

**\*The Postlude**