

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 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Prelude

Ringing Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: God is making a new covenant with us,

People: A covenant written on our hearts instead of stone.

Liturgist: God is doing something new in us,

People: Our very lives are a temple of God's spirit.

Liturgist: God is doing something new in our world,

People: We have the promise of eternal life

Liturgist: God is making all things new;

People: Let us worship our God, who is with us now.

***The Hymn**

"Let Us With A Joyful Mind"

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***The Call To Confession**

If we would see Jesus, we must open our eyes to the ways we have not followed him as disciples. If we want God to create new hearts within us, we must speak of the old ways in which we continue to live. If we seek God's mercy, we must confess

all that keeps us from living as God's children. Join me, as we come to the One who will forgive us.

***The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

Holy One, we confess that we have not lived as if Your love is written in our hearts. We have lived as if our hearts are empty and can only be filled by consumption. We consume time, energy, wealth, and worldly visions of success, but still it is not enough. Help us to remember that You have filled our hearts with Your love, and with compassion for our neighbor. Guide us back to being in tune with Your covenant written within us, so that we can live out Your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, as You first loved us. In the name of Christ, who gave his life for us, 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: A new heart, a generous spirit, a fresh start:
these are the gifts our God gives to us.

People: **Through Christ, we are healed; through Christ we are forgiven, through Christ, we become new 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"

Glory 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

**Loving God, in whose service there is both risk and honor, we
want to see Jesus, not to prove a theory, but to experience a
presence; not to observe from a distance but to become involved;
not just to listen but to follow and serve. As we hear Your word
may we be moved to share its promise of life in our words and
deeds. Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Hebrews 5:5-10

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**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 12:20-33

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"A Matter Of The Heart"

The Hymn

"My God, Accept My Heart This Day"

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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 image shows a musical score for the prayer response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system is for the vocal line, and the second system is for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature.

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**

With hearts, hands and voices renewed by Your Spirit, O God,
we place now before You our commitment to serve. Use us
in ways that will benefit others, and accept what we offer as a
sign of our faith. Amen.

The Hymn

"All My Hope On God Is Founded"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace,
love and care for one another in the name of Christ.
May the steadfast love of God,
the powerful love of Jesus Christ
and the invigorating love of the Holy Spirit
guide you and strengthen you, now and forever.

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**