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

April 12, 2015 — The Second Sunday of Easter

The Prelude
Ringing Of The Bell
Word of Greeting and Announcements
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: The Word of life spoke:
People: so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.
Liturgist: The Word of life reached out:
People: so we could touch the hope which heals us.
Liturgist: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:
People: so we could follow him into life forever.

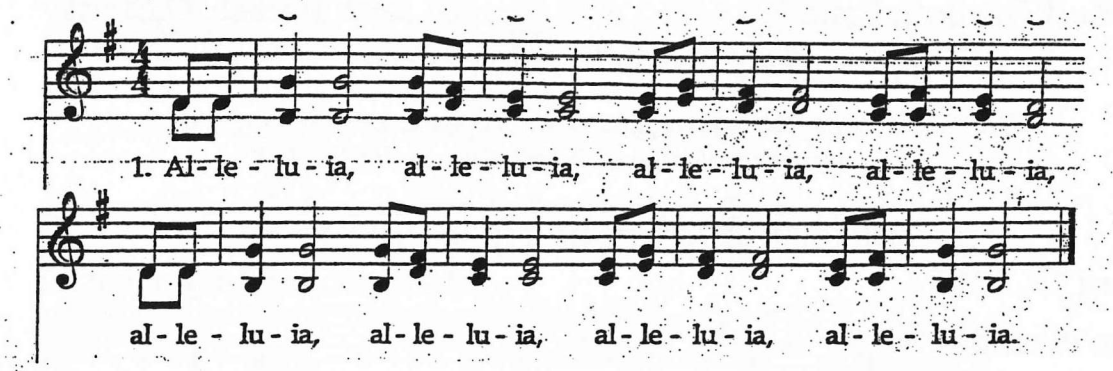
***The Hymn** "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" #243

***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome the risen One among us. Amen.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise** "Alleluia"



The Collect - Unison

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of Your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands Your Word of life—Jesus Christ—our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Acts 4:32-35 Page 122
1 John 1:-2:2 Page 176

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 20:19-31 Page 238
Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily *"Unlocking The Doors Of Our Lives"*

***The Hymn** "These Things Did Thomas Count" #254

The Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

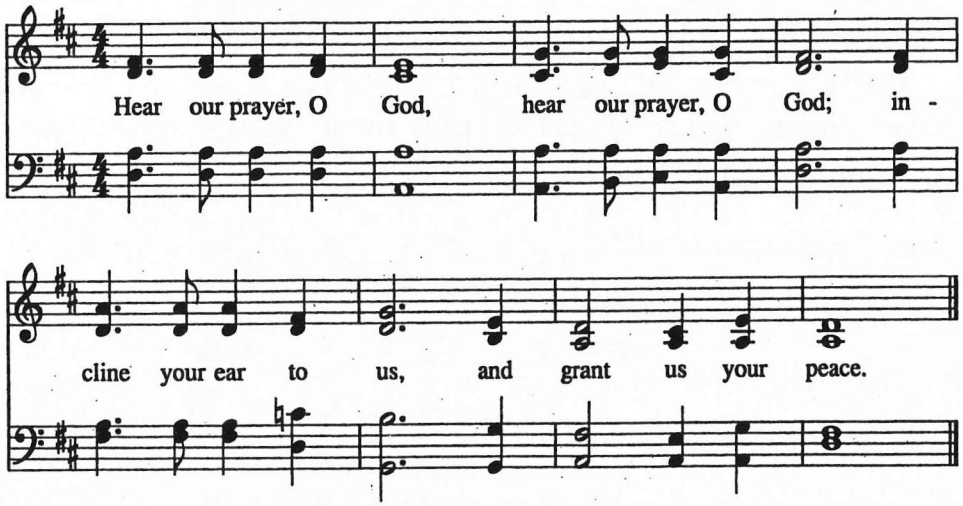
Silent Prayers of the People

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 "Here Our Prayer, O God"



The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings
The Offertory
***The Offertory Response** Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

***The Prayer of Dedication** - Unison

As we offer our gifts to You, Loving God, remove any doubts about how they might be used, as You offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, joy to the grieving, and peace to the broken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

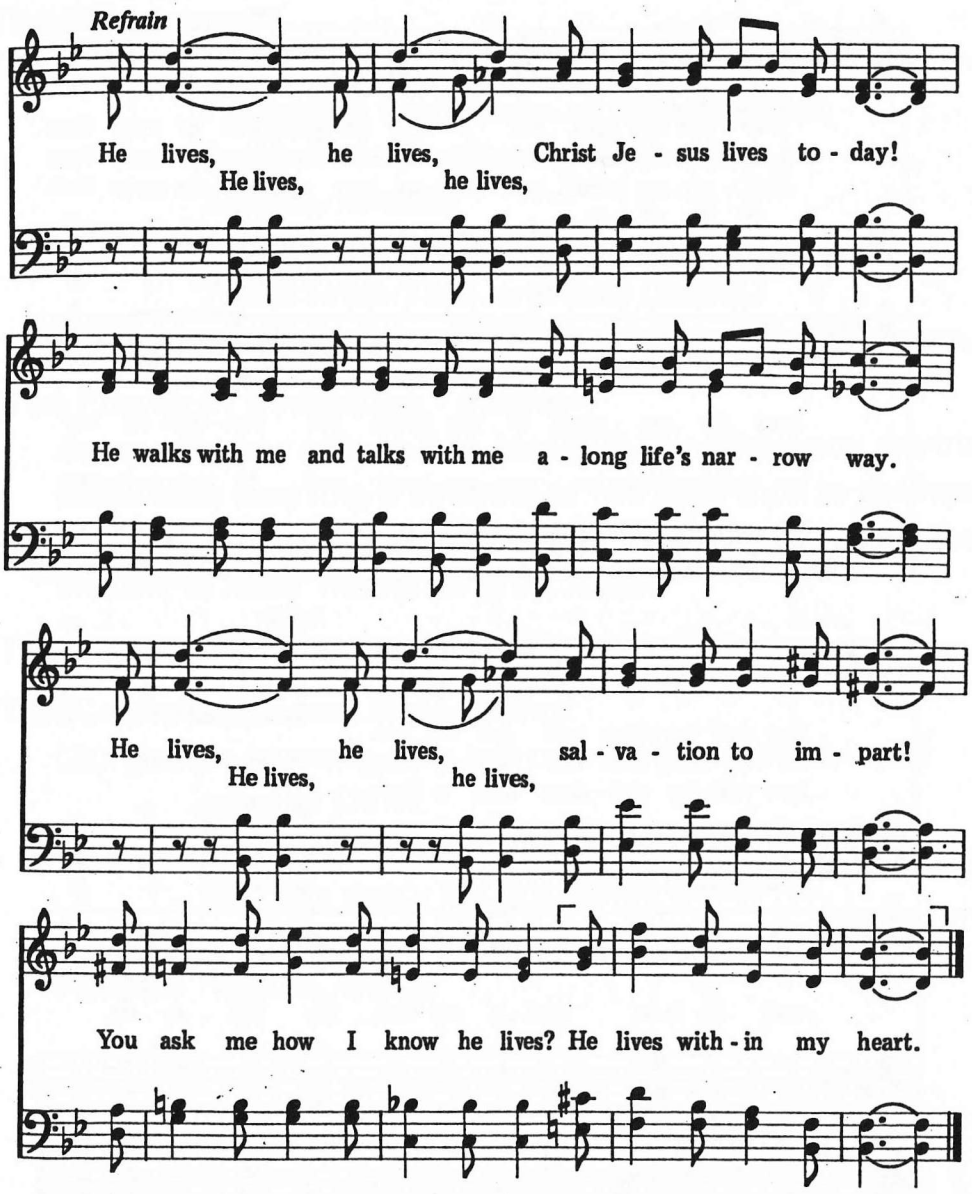
***The Hymn** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ.
May the great love of God enfold you,
the deep peace of Christ abide within you
and the living breath of the Spirit inspire you.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

*The Benediction Response "He Lives"



*The Postlude