

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

January 11, 2015

First Sunday After Epiphany

The Prelude

Ringing Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: On that first day, when time began:

**People: You gave birth to creation;
light danced through the darkness;
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

Liturgist: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**People: You spoke of life for all Your children,
as Your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,
dancing in hope with His cousin, John.**

Liturgist: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**People: You call us to faithfulness,
as we open our hearts to You,
Your voice claiming us as Your own.**

***The Hymn**

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Glory be to You, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder. You are the author of all beginnings and all that is pronounced "good." In You, both day and night have purpose, both calm and storm have meaning. Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready to receive Your gifts and discern Your activity in our midst. In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we, too, are baptized. Amen

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

**Holy One, You proclaimed Jesus as Your dear Son at His baptism, and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.
May all who are baptized into Christ remain faithful in their calling to be Your children and inherit eternal life with Him. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

Genesis 1:1-5

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Acts 19:1-7

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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 according to St. Mark

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:4-11

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The Homily

"With You I am Well Pleased"

***The Hymn**

"Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed"

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{Verses 1, 2, & 4}

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

"Into My Heart"

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**

**We give You thanks, O God, for every blessing and
spiritual gift You have poured out upon us. Let the
gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in Your world,
all to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

***The Hymn**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace,

love and care for one another in the name of Christ.

Go knowing that you are

beloved by God, cherished by Jesus Christ, and
anointed by the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

Until we meet again,

walk gently in the way.

Dwell in the hallow of God's hand;

rejoice, and serve, and pray!

***The Postlude**