

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

February 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The Prelude

Ring of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.
God's righteousness endures forever.

**People: We come together as a community of believers.
We give thanks to God with our whole hearts.**

Liturgist: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.
At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**People: The works of God's hands are established among us.
We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

Liturgist: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.
All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**People: Holy and awesome is God's name.
We call on God to empower us and our worship.**

***The Hymn**

"Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You"

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***The Call To Confession**

Liturgist: In this season of showing forth the light of God's love in Christ, we are reminded that God's call to faithfulness involves our sisters and brothers, not just our relationship to the Eternal. Sometimes when we feel most confident, we are not aware of the hurt we may have caused others. Let us come to God confessing our continuing need.

***The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

Merciful God, deliver us from knowledge that puffs us up and makes us insensitive to the needs of others. We confess that sometimes our freedom has offended another's conscience, and our carelessness has caused others to stumble and fall. Our actions have not been consistent with what we say we believe. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to a meaningful covenant with You and with others. Amen.

***Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Liturgist: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. God judges but God also forgives the contrite of heart. In Christ the burden of our sin is taken away and we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise**

"The Gloria in Excelsis"

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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

Great and loving God, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus with authority to teach and to heal. Make us ready to listen to Him in all our doubts and confusion, and to trust in Him in all our troubles. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Page 174

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Page 171

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. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:21-28 Page 35

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily *"The Original Artist"*

***The Hymn** " Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" #176

Affirmation of Ministry

Greeting

Introduction

Presentation

Covenant

Congregational Response

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours, to
be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ.**

We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and

**assist you, that together we may be a faithful church
of Jesus Christ.**

The Call to Prayer

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Silent Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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**

Gracious God, You have enriched our lives in so many ways, especially through the life, love and teaching of Jesus and through the wonders of creation which we experience all around us. Bless these gifts which we bring as signs of our gratitude and bless us as we seek to serve our Lord by serving and helping other people. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

**Liturgist: Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if those who hear My voice open the door,
I will come in to them and eat with them,
and they with Me.**

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are all who find refuge in God!**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: May the God of wondrous deeds be with you!

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People: We lift our whole hearts to God, holding nothing back.

Liturgist: Join in praising God, who is merciful and gracious.

**People: In the company of our friends and fellow followers,
we rejoice in the one who is our God.**

Liturgist: 'What have you to do with us,' chaos cried out,
and You rebuked it, Holy One, whispering, 'be silent,'
and with a Word, all that is good and true came forth,
oceans teeming with life, meadow grass rippling in
the breeze, snow-capped peaks touching the sky.

You raised us up in Your image, but we worshiped the
idols, sin and death, becoming so accustomed to them
we would follow them anywhere. You put words into the
prophets' mouths, so they could speak Your words of
hope, but we refused to listen. So You sent Jesus,
from whom all things are, so we might live with You.
Thus, with prophets and those who never listen,
with the foolish, as well as the faithful, of every age,
we sing our songs of praise to You:

All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of great wonders.

All creation is astounded by Your works.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who restores us with love.

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Liturgist: Holy are You, Awesome Creator, and blessed is Jesus
Christ, Redeemer of all. He teaches, as one with authority,
those who rebel against You. He heals, as one with
compassion, those who struggle with pain and illness.
He calls, as one with the words of life, those who have
lost their way. He dies, as one with complete trust, for
those who have no hope. He rises, as one known by God,
so we may live for You.

As we remember what Jesus has done for us, as we celebrate His life, death, and resurrection, we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

**All: Christ died, as we fell silent in grief;
Christ is raised, silencing the power of sin and death;
Christ fills the silence of our fears with songs of Your wondrous love and life.**

Liturgist: You long to have everything to do with us, God of wonders, and so You call us to this table of peace, hope, reconciliation. Here, in the bread and the cup transformed by Your Spirit, we are reminded that there is no God but You. For, in the life of the bread, we feast on that grace which can heal a broken world. For in the sweet taste of the cup's hope, we taste those promises which we can share with all people: peace where there is only war, love where there is only evil, wonder where there is only despair, for from You come all things; to You, we all would turn to follow.

And when all human time and history is done, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers in that time with You we call eternity, we will praise You forever, singing glory to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and Pouring the Cup

