

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 22, 2015

First 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: We come, so God might open our eyes,

**People: that we may discover the wonders surrounding us;
that we may embrace the joy deep within us.**

Liturgist: We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

**People: that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us;
that we may sing the melodies of hope.**

Liturgist: We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of
humility,

**People: that we may walk that street named Enduring Love;
that we may wait at the corner called Faithfulness.**

***The Hymn**

"O Jesus Christ, My Grateful Hymns"

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****The Call To Confession**

God takes broken promises and turns them into vows of
faithfulness. God takes our biggest failings and shapes lives of

service. God listens to our prayers of confession and changes them into songs of mercy. Let us come to the One who pours forgiveness into our lives, praying,

***The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with You, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by Your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that You have not cut us off from Your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life You offer to us. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share Your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for You all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***The Kyrie**

***Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Liturgist: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

**People: In every wilderness, on every road, in every moment,
in every life' in every journey, in every heart,
we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope,
God's mercy, God's joy. Amen.**

Liturgist: In Christ, God touches us with mercy 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 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 and merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the desert, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Help us to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit,
so that, as You know our weakness, we may also know Your
power to save. We ask this through Your Son, 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

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

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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. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:9-15

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily "Angels In The Wilderness"

The Hymn "In Solitude"

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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"

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**

God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and our gifts to be bounty and blessings to You, our church, and the world. Amen.

***The Hymn**

"May The Sending One Defend You"

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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"**

***The Postlude**