

# 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 19, 2015

The Third Sunday of Easter

**The Prelude**

**Ringling Of The Bell**

**Word of Greeting and Announcements**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Musical Meditation**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The disciples met the risen Christ as they went about their daily tasks--eating, fishing, preparing a meal.

**People: We have gathered together because we too want to know the presence of Jesus among us.**

Liturgist: We come in community and fellowship.

**People: May God, Creator, Christ and Spirit of life, in whom we live and move and have our being, be with us this day.**

**\*The Hymn** "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

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**\*The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Risen Christ, we come to You seeking signs of the resurrection, signs of new life. Help us to be witnesses of Your eternal love in our lives by loving our neighbors as ourselves, by seeking their needs and including the marginalized and oppressed. Remind us that we draw borders and boundaries, but You have come to tear them down. Call us into Your body and remind us of all the unique gifts that we bring**

**when we join together in You, the living God, who lives and breathes and moves in us. Amen.**

**Lurgist: O Lord, open our lips.**

**People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

**\*An Act of Praise**

**“Alleluia”**

### **The Collect - Unison**

**Holy God, by Your Spirit reveal Your radical, surprising love; come to us through Your holy Word, and let us hear what You are saying. We ask this in the name of the Christ who who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Reading of God's Word**

Acts 3:12-19

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1 John 3:1-7

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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 of our Lord according to St. John

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 24:36b-48

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

*"Sharing A Meal"*

**\*The Hymn**

"Because You Live, O Christ"

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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**

"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**

**Risen Christ, give us faith to see that it is into Your hands we  
offer these gifts and it is Your feet we follow when we go out  
to serve other in the Spirit of compassion and caring. Amen.**

#### **\*The Hymn**

**"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"**

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#### **\*The Commission and Benediction**

**Liturgist:** Go now, to be God's children in the world.  
Open your minds to understand the needs around you.  
Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.  
Open your hands to share our blessings with all.  
Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

**People:** **We go now to love and care in the name of Christ.  
Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*The Benediction Response**

"He Lives"

**\*The Postlude**