

# 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 26, 2015

The Fourth 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 Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.  
We are refreshed beside still waters.

**People: We have been given everything we have.  
God offers us everything we need.**

Liturgist: When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us.  
We are comforted and reassured.

**People: God leads us in the right paths.  
Our cups are filled to overflowing.**

Liturgist: God welcomes us to the place where love is expressed.  
We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

**People: We have received plenty that we might share.  
We are called to be God's helpers**

**\*The Hymn**

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

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

**Good Shepherd, we meet in Your name, confident that we are known and loved by You. Here we draw close to one another and to You, expecting to be empowered by fresh insights to live as Your people. We want to care for one another in life-giving ways. We seek to reach out to those who deny You or suspect us. Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring and self-sacrifice. We embrace the wholeness You offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing role for ourselves and this faith community. Equip us for service beyond this hour. Amen.**

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

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

### **\*An Act of Praise "Alleluia"**

#### **The Collect - Unison**

**Loving God, we thank you that Your Son Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for Your people. Open our hearts to hear His voice, to know Him as He calls us by name, and to follow wherever He leads. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

Psalm 23 Page 501

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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.**

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Homily**

*"Wool and Mutton"*

**\*The Hymn**

"Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows"

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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**

**You fill our cups to overflowing and empower us for good deeds. My the gifts we offer now be acceptable Holy One, touch the needs of all and bring others into the fold. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn**

“Savior, Like Shepherd Lead Us”

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**\*The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ.

Go, empowered by the goodness and mercy of God, the compassion and love of Jesus Christ, and the energy and enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*The Benediction Response**

"He Lives"

**\*The Postlude**