

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 5, 2015

The Resurrection of Our Lord

The Prelude

Ringling Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Night is over; morning has broken!

People: Jesus Christ is Risen!

Liturgist: The stone that closed off death has been rolled away!

People: In Christ we have the promise of resurrection!

Liturgist: It has been declared to us: Jesus Christ has risen
from the dead

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Liturgist: This is the day - Easter Day!

Let us worship and celebrate the resurrection.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

***The Hymn**

"The Strife Is O'er"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Giver of new life, we come this morning with our alleluias, our flowers and songs. We come to worship in beauty and truth because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead; because we have hope that the resurrection will enter into each of our lives and transform them; and because through Christ's spirit, we have come to love one another. Accept our worship gracious God. Be present with us as daystar, miracle, mystery and as the tender hands of grace. Amen.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise**

"Alleluia"

The Collect - Unison

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. We pray in the name of our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 25:6-9

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Acts 10:34-43

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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 16:1-8

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Anthem

"Jesus Is Risen"

The Homily

"*A Stone and A Dead Body*"

***The Hymn**

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

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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 Response

"Here Our Prayer, O God"

The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings

The Offertory “Because He Lives”

***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**

**May we not keep our gifts hidden behind the stones rolled
across our hearts, but let them burst forth to bring life, to
bring hope, to bring the good news of Jesus alive and among us!
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

Liturgist: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at table with two disciples and was made known in the breaking of bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Come from the east and the west, the north and the south and gather about Christ's table.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: The God of every morning be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.

Liturgist: People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

People : We sing our alleluia's to the God of everlasting love.

Liturgist: On this day of joy and hope, Redeemer of the lost, we sing our praise to you. Very early in the morning, your Word shattered the silence of chaos, and grace flowed forth like a river. You reached down and gathered up the dust of creation, forming us into your image, and breathing life into us. Yet the day came when we chose to turn from you believing our wisdom was superior to your will for us. You sent us the prophets, to speak of your gracious hope, but we refused to listen. When you could have let us remain in the clutches of sin and death, you sent Jesus to be one of us, so we could come home to you. Therefore, we join our voices this morning with those who stood at the empty tomb, as well as those of every time and place, singing our Easter joy to you:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of the empty grave.
Glad songs of resurrection joy are offered to you.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes bearing your steadfast love.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Liturgist: Holy are you, God of every day, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Bright Morning Star. Creator of all that is good, he entered the shadows of hell to lead us into hope's light; Beloved of your Heart, he embraced our sin so we could be forgiven;

Glory beyond imagination, he welcomed death so we could enter life eternal.

Even as we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

All: On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful; on the first day of the week, Christ swallowed up death forever; on the last day, Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb.

Liturgist: It is here at this Table, Resurrecting God, that we are fed by your love. As you pour out your Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup, fill us with the spirit of Jesus, so we may go forth to be your people. Feed us with the Bread of Heaven, so we can fill the hunger of the world. Touch our lips with salvation's cup, so we can proclaim the good news of this day to everyone we meet. And when the morning comes when we are united with all the saints gathered around heaven's Table, we will lift our voices to you, God in Community, Holy in One, forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer Of Our Savior - Singing

**Our Father, Which 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 Communion (Grape Juice in center of tray- Bread is Gluten Free)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Liturgist: May Jesus, the true Savior of the world, who died for us and is seated in glory, dwell in your hearts through the Holy Spirit, that you may be wholly alive in Him, through living faith and perfect love.

People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***The Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #233

***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go forth in joy and peace.

People: We are sent in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!

Liturgist: May your celebration of Easter continue beyond this day in your eyes, in your step, in your voice and in your life.

So love and care for one another in the name of Christ and the blessings of God the Creator, God the Christ and God the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

***The Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace On Earth

"Laminated Card In Pew Rack"

***The Postlude**