

# 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

May 17, 2015

The Seventh 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: We are together because Christ has claimed us.

We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.

**People: Who are we to make such a claim?**

**Who would see Jesus when they look at us?**

Liturgist: It is not our claim that brings us together.

The church is not our private club.

**People: We are not here for ourselves, our own needs.**

**We are drawn together for a larger purpose.**

Liturgist: We have been called by Christ for a mission.

The gathered community is sent into the world.

**People: We are here to be equipped for ministry.**

**We have been chosen as apostles of good news.**

**\*The Hymn**

“Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”

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

**We thank you, almighty God, for the life of Jesus among us, and that He reigns in power for us. Strengthen our hope and bless the work of our hands, that we may live as His body in this world. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

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

**\*An Act of Praise**

“Alleluia”

**The Collect - Unison**

**Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, Your Word. We ask this in the name of the Christ who lives and reigns You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**The Reading of God's Word**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26      Page 118

1 John 5:9-13              Page 241

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.**

John 17:6-19              Page 111

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Homily**

*“Called, Blessed, Sent”*

**The Call to Prayer**

Liturgist: 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**

**We lift up our thanks to You, Holy One, for the joy of loving and giving, for the friendship of Christ and the opportunities You give us to serve. May these gifts be used in accordance with Your**

**love for all Your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn**

“Community Of Christ”

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**\*The Commission and Benediction**

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

Go, being open to the call of God,  
live in the love of Jesus the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit guide you on your pilgrimage.

**People: Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*The Benediction Response**

"He Lives"

**\*The Postlude**