

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 31, 2015

Trinity

The Prelude

Ringling Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: We begin in the name of the Triune One
whose mystery exceed our understanding.

**People: We gather in the name of the Holy One
whose love exceeds all our bounds.**

Liturgist: Open Yourself to us today, O God, for we
would follow You.

**People: Teach us Your ways and bring us Your light,
that we might serve You in Your creation.**

The Hymn

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, You created the universe
that is ever-expanding far beyond what we can possibly know,
and Your love is expanding in us far beyond what we can possibly
understand. May we grow in understanding Your reign in our lives
and our hearts, that we may give ourselves, all we are, over to You**

and Your love, so that we might see all Your children as our beloved kindred in Christ. For we know that Your kingdom, Your beloved community, will not be complete until we know everyone as Your child. Open our hearts, for Your dream, Your universe, all Your creation, to expand Your love in us. In the name of Christ, our Lord. 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

The Collect - Unison

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Liturgist: Listen now for the Word of God.

Isaiah 6:1-8 Page 635

Romans 8:12-17 Page 158

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.

John3:1-17 Page 93

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"Light and Darkness"

***The Hymn**

"Womb of Life, and Source of Being"

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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

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings

The Offertory

***The Offertory Response**

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**

**Holy God, Your love overflows in the gift of Your Spirit.
Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread Your
blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. Amen.**

***The Hymn**

"Creator God, Creating Still"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace.

Love and care for one another in the name of Christ.
And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: And also with you. Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

-Amazing Grace

**The love of God, with peace and joy,
will each of us attend.**

**And will guard our ways through coming days,
until we meet again.**

***The Postlude**