

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

November 22, 2015

Thanksgiving Sunday/Reign of Christ

The Prelude

Ringling Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth.

People: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

Liturgist: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**People: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes
us with hope.**

Liturgist: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!'
to the One who loves us.

**People: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence
in our lives.**

***The Hymn**

"We Praise You, O God"

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***Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Abundant Provider, joyful Creator, You bless us with the gifts from the earth and You spread out goodness enough for all to share. Bend our knees and fill our hearts with gratitude. Open our hands so each may know the abundant providence of our loving God. Touch our lips so that we may praise You and taste the wonder of sun and rain transformed into life-giving good. Abundant provider, You are gracious to us and bless us. May we always praise You and love You. Amen.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise "The Gloria Patri"**

**Glory 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.**

Anthem "The Thanksgiving Table"

A Time With Young Christians

**Child of God, your loving parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

The Collect - Unison

God of all worlds, who calls us into Your own realm and glory, grant us truly to hear Your word and follow it, that our hunger and thirst might be satisfied and our attention expanded beyond our own concerns. Lead all of us, Your people, by the straight way of humble service that the world might realize the joy of life in Your realm and honor You in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Liturgist: Listen now for the Word of God.

Joel 2:21-27

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Revelation 1:4b-8

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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.

John 18:33-37

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Anthem

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

The Homily

"Thanksgiving In Three Tenses"

***The Hymn**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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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 "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

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**

**It would be too easy to hoard all the blessings which are ours,
God of this holy season. Yet, You call us to simply give a portion
back to You, so that others might be fed by Your hope, children
might be sheltered in warm homes, and the broken might be
made whole. Receive our gifts, as well as our hearts, we pray
in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

***The Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

**Liturgist: Go in peace,
 love and care for one another in the name of Christ.
Go enfolded in the rich mercy of God,
 nourished by the abundant love of Jesus Christ,
 energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.**

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

-Dennis/#393

**Until we meet again, walk gently in the way.
Dwell in the hallow of God's hand;
rejoice and serve and pray!**

***The Postlude**