

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

March 27, 2016

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: Rejoice and be glad:

People: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Liturgist: This is the day God has made; and what a day!

**People: When God wipes away our tears so we can see
the empty tomb.**

Liturgist: What a day! Easter day!

**People: When God opens our hearts' tombs as Jesus calls
us by name.:**

Liturgist: Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

***The Hymn**

"The Strife Is O'er"

#242

***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

Living God, by Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ 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 65:17-25 Page 696

Acts 10:34-43 Page 129

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. Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 24:1-12 Page 90

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Anthem "Redeemer"

The Homily "Old News"

***The Hymn** "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" #244

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 "I Know 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**

We praise You, O God, and give You thanks that You have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to Your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. 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: How good it is on this day of joy to lift our glad songs of praise to You, Redeemer of the lost. You planted Your steadfast love in the gardens of creation, but we ate the bitter fruit of idolatry and sin. Prophets came in Your name, bringing Your gracious word, but we could not hear them call our name. When we were about to perish, when we could have died, You sent the One who could bear that threat away. Therefore, on this day and every day, with those in heaven and those on earth, we lift our glad cries to You:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
All creation is blessed with new life on this day.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes bringing your
resurrection power.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Liturgist: Holy are You, God of Easter, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sent by You to bring us salvation. Your right hand, He releases us from sin's grip; walking through the darkness of death, He leads us into the kingdom's light; confounding the practitioners of evil, He did good for others; humbling himself to experience our pain and suffering, He is raised to rule over all. As we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

**All: Christ has died, but death does not have the final word;
Christ is risen, and Easter begins for us when Christ calls
us by name.
Christ will come again and lead us into God's glory.**

Liturgist: Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup, Resurrecting God, and upon us who seek to be Your children. When we are done eating and drinking with the Risen Lord, send us forth to feed the hungry. Served at the Table by the One who freed us from death, we would go out to be servants of the poor and oppressed in our world. Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we would do so with our hands and

hearts, not just our lips.

Through Christ, glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving are Yours, God of new life, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy people, on this first day of the week and in all the days to come.

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**

*Flowers on the Altar
In Memory of*

*Peter Varlan
John Snetsinger
Barbara Harris
Family
Barbara Harris
Roger & Joyce Harris
John Snetsinger
Loved Ones
Bob & Jeff Mechler
Walt Listman
Korah & Mabel Harris
Charles & Mabel Garrah
Chris Dawkins
Douglas Weitzel
Mildred & Albert Weitzel
Agneta & Harold Rosa
Bonnie Pitts
Robert Holmes
Chris Dawkins*

*Sue Varlan
Sue Best & Family
Sue Best & Family
Helen Spaan
Harris Family
Harris Family
Shirley Snetsinger
Joan & Ken Blossom
Shirley Mechler
Sharon Listman
Sharon Listman
Sharon Listman
Richard Dawkins
Ann & Dick Weitzel
Ann & Dick Weitzel
Ann & Dick Weitzel
Linda Weitzel & Mark Fross
Bea & Debbie Holmes
Richard Dawkins*

In Honor Of

*Linda Weitzel
The Richardson's
The Traugott's*

*Ann & Dick Weitzel
Pastor Kurt & Jodie
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To The Glory of God

Bill & Sheila McAuliff

Susan & Jack Hayward