

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 3, 2016

Second 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: In times of great joy:

People: We give thanks and praise to You, O Christ.

Liturgist: In times of hardship and trial:

People: We pray for strength and endurance, O Christ.

Liturgist: In times of darkness and doubt:

People: We pray for hope and courage, O Christ.

Liturgist: In all of life's journey:

People: We know that Christ is with us.

Christ has walked before us,

Christ walks with us, and

Christ will come again. Amen.

***The Hymn**

"Yours Is The Glory"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Author of Salvation, You seek to lead us to the light,
You seek to show us Your love in every way imaginable;
You seek us when we are lost and wandering. We thank
You for the prophets in our midst who guide and challenge us;
for the sojourners of faith who do not give up. Write in our
hearts the words of assurance when we have our doubts. Write
in our lives the passages of hope when we feel hopeless. Write
in us the promise of new life that flows in our blood and breath:
the promise of life that lives in all creation. We know we can start
again, we can make things new, and we live with the hope of the
resurrection. We know this. Remind us of this again and again when
we forget. In the name of Jesus, our constant companion on this
journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise "Alleluia"**

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

**Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of
the first disciples, may Your word enter into us, by the power
of the Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet
believe. We ask this in the name of our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

Acts 5:27-32

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Revelation 1:4-8

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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 according to St. John

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Anthem

“Here I am Lord”

The Homily

“Jesus, Just Keeps Appearing”

***The Hymn**

“Not with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense”

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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

***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**

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened and faith for the embittered. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

Liturgist: Our Lord said to us: I am the bread of life. you who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: In the company of all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: May the God of resounding joy be with you!

People: And also with you!

Liturgist: Easter people, may your hearts be filled with joy!

People: May God fill our emptiness with the carols of angels!

Liturgist: Children of the resurrection, lift your praises to God!

People: We join with all creation in shouting our praise to the One who loves us!

Liturgist: From the rubble of chaos, You shaped a sanctuary for creation, Surpassing God: trumpeter swans glided gracefully across lakes, tall trees waltzed across green fields, stars piped choruses of joy in the night. Having formed us in Your image Your Spirit breathed peace into us, inviting us to wander the gardens of wonder. But we chose to hide ourselves behind the locked doors of sin and death. Prophets came to witness about Your willingness to forgive us and to

take our fears away from us. When we would not respond to Your gracious invitations, Jesus came, to free us from all sin. With our ancestors in the faith, with our children and grandchildren, with everyone who sees You coming, we sing our glad praise to you:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of surpassing greatness.
Everything that breathes praises You.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who You exalt.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Liturgist: Holy are You, God of our ancestors, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the first and last. Co-creator of all that is around us, He came to bear witness of Your promises. Our Lord as well as our God, He blesses all who believe in Him whether or not they have seen Him. Serving You in life as well as death, He became the first-born of the dead, so we might be Your children through eternity. As we remember all He did and taught, as we celebrate the wonder of His resurrection, we sing of that mystery we call faith:

**All: Christ was the One who died for us;
Christ is the One who is risen for us;
Christ is the One who will come for us.**

Liturgist: Send Your Spirit of holiness to transform these simple gifts of bread and wine that they be for us a means of grace and bear witness of Your enduring love for us. Through the bread which is broken, we are made whole once again, so we might minister to those who live behind the locked doors of oppression.

By the cup which is shared, we are able to believe,
even when we cannot see, that Your peace is coming
to everyone.

And when our lives have ended, when we are gathered
in grace and peace with our sisters and brothers from all
time, we will join our hearts in praising You, God in
Community, Holy in One, Who was, Who is, and Who
is to come. 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)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - Unison

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**

“Peace I Leave With You, My Friends”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

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

May you be filled with the grace and peace of
the God who is and was and is to come, and
with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, God’s faithful
witness, who loves us and sets us free.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

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

"Laminated Card In Pew Rack"

***The Postlude**