

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 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Prelude

Ringing Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling
with tension and anxiety,

**People: we gather to find that place of peace
which God offers to us.**

Liturgist: Awash in worries and doubts,
drowning in a sea of fears,

**People: we gather beside the still waters
where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.**

Liturgist: Weakened by the burdens of life,
wandering as if lost in a wilderness,

**People: we gather so the Spirit can restore our souls
and show us the path to the kingdom.**

***The Hymn** "Such Perfect Love, My Shepherd Shows"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

You are the Good Shepherd, Lord, we put our trust in You and seek for You to restore our souls in this time of worship. Holy One, we are tired and weary, lead us then to the still waters and down the paths of righteousness. Comfort us in death's dark valley and take away our fears. Feed us and anoint us with Your goodness and mercy in our time together, so when we leave this place we know Your presence goes with us. Amen.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise**

"Halleluja"

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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

Shepherd of our souls, You call us to an abundant feast at the table of Your word; open our hearts to feed on Your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in You. For we pray in Your name, O Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Psalm 23

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Revelation 7:9-17

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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 10:22-33

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"Still Waters "

***The Hymn**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

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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 "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**

**There are those who have no place to rest,
may our gifts provide shelter.**

**There are those who are parched for justice,
may our generosity quench their thirst**

**There are those who wander the streets alone and afraid,
may our blessings provide a way.**

**There are those who are in the valleys of suffering, may we
offer ourselves as companions on the journey.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***The Hymn**

"Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

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

Go knowing the Good Shepherd goes with you:
to urge you onward, to lift you heavenward, to
strengthen you always, wherever you may be.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

***The Postlude**