

# 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 The Baptism of Our Lord**

January 10, 2016

First Sunday After Epiphany

**The Prelude**

**Ringling of The Bell**

**Word of Greeting and Announcements**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Musical Meditation**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: On that first day, when time began:

**People: You gave birth to creation;  
light danced through the darkness;  
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

Liturgist: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**People: You spoke of life for all Your children,  
as Your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,  
dancing in hope with His cousin, John.**

Liturgist: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**People: You call us to faithfulness,  
as we open our hearts to You,  
Your voice claiming us as Your own.**

**\*The Hymn**

**"Crashing Waters at Creation"**

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## **\*The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Glory be to You, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder. You are the author of all beginnings and all that is pronounced "good." In You, both day and night have purpose, both calm and storm have meaning. Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready to receive Your gifts and discern Your activity in our midst. In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we, too, are baptized. 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**

## **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**

**Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for Your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May Your Spirit so burn in us that we hear Your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. In Christ's name we pray as He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 43:1-7 Page 672

Acts 8:14-17 Page 126

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. Luke.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Page 34

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Homily** *"Alive In The Spirit"*

**\*The Hymn** "O Holy Dove of God Descending"

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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**

"Into My Heart"

## **The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings**

### **The Offertory**

#### **\*The Doxology**

**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**

**O God at His baptism, You acknowledged Jesus as Your beloved Son, and through Him You opened to us a way to become Your children by grace. May these gifts we return to You be a sign of our dedication to live as Your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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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 that you are

beloved by God, cherished by Jesus Christ, and

anointed by the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**\*The Benediction Response**

Amazing Grace

**Through Christ you are a child of God**

**Who dearly loves us all.**

**Go forth in peace to share God’s love;**

**rise up to heed Christ’s call.**

**\*The Postlude**