

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

January 17, 2016

Second Sunday After Epiphany

The Prelude

Ringing of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: We come this day, Precious God,
as people in need of Your steadfast love:

**People: with You is the fountain of life;
in Your Light we see light.**

Liturgist: We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:

**People: with You is the fountain of grace;
in Your Hope we see hope.**

Liturgist: We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

**People: with You is the fountain of joy;
in Your Life we see life.**

***The Hymn**

"I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Christ our Lord, You have not hidden Your glory from our eyes. You first showed forth God's presence at a wedding feast in a simple home. And we can discern Your light in the silences of prayer. If You transformed humble water into wine, You can transform us, too. Remake us until we too brim over with the joy of Your presence. 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

Holy God, whose presence in Jesus blessed the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, and whose gifts are available to all who would accept them, inspire us now as You speak to us through the scriptures. Grant us the ability to respond with courage when You call our names. We ask in our Lord's name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 62:1-5

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1 Corinthians 12:1-5

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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 2:1-11

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"Of Wine and Signs"

***The Hymn**

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

Lauda Anima

Jesus come! For we invite You, guest and master, friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear Your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
Bring Your gifts, command Your servants, let us trust in You alone.
Though Your hand may work in secret, all shall see what You have done.

Jesus, come! In new creations, heav'n brought near in pow'r divine;
Give Your unexpected glory, changing water into wine.
Rouse the faith of Your disciples--come, our first and greatest sign!

Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more that we can imagine, all the best You have to give:
Let us find Your hidden riches, taste Your love, believe and live.

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**

**During the wedding feast at Cana You gladdened the guests
with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We
offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives
to Your service. Amen.**

***The Hymn**

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go in peace,

love and care for one another in the name of Christ.

May the steadfast love of God surround you,

the transforming life of Jesus fill you,

the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit empower you

this day and always.

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**