

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 24, 2016

Third 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: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: God calls us to be builders as well.

Liturgist: God calls us to build our lives:

People: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

Liturgist: God calls us to build our faith:

People: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation

Liturgist: God calls us to build our community:

People: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Liturgist: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises
of Scripture:

**People: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation
for all people.**

***The Hymn**

"Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives.
We look to Your Word, Holy One, as a source of understanding.
Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in Your presence.
Cleanse and enlighten us with Your truth. Liberate us from
self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the
meditations of our heart be acceptable in Your sight, O God our
Rock and our Redeemer. 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

**Grant that we may hear with understanding and be moved to
compassion. Knit us together, that our varied talents may be
fully engaged in Your service. Send Your Spirit upon us, like
Jesus, may preach the good news of hope and peace. 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Page
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Page

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 4:14-21

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily "Parts of the Whole"

*The Hymn "We Are Your People"

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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**

For the abundance with which You have enriched our lives we give thanks, gracious God. Receive now the offerings of Your people, may they be acceptable in Your sight and touch the needs of others both near and far. Amen.

***The Hymn** "May the Sending One Defend You"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Now, we are scattered by our God,

People: to go carry grace into a broken world.

Liturgist: Now, Jesus scatters us,

People: to bring justice to the outsiders,
to visit all who are alone and lonely.

Liturgist: Now, filled with the Spirit, we are scattered,

People: to gather up the dispirited,
to take hold of the lost and embrace them as family.

Liturgist: Go then in peace.

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**