

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 31, 2016

Fourth 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 together in Christ to live and share God's
love in the world .

**People: We come together to bring patience into a world
full of impatience;**

Liturgist: To bring understanding and concern where there is
darkness and pain;

**People: And to bring strength and courage that we may all
grow in the Lord.**

Liturgist: We do this because God first loved us through Jesus
our Savior. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***The Hymn**

"Praise to the Living God"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Maker and Molder of the Universe, make us into new beings by molding our hearts into new vessels of love. Transform us from only loving those who love us to loving all. Shape us to be more open to the needs of the world. Shift us away from our selfish ways, and smooth out our rough edges. Craft in us new ways of loving our neighbor and working for Your justice in the world. In the name of Christ, who makes all things new, we pray. 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

Spirit of life, God of love, touch our mouths and our hearts with Your word today, that hearing Your word of love, we may become Your love for others. We ask this in the name of our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit world without end. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Page 698

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Page 175

**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 4:21-30

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"A More Excellent Way"

***The Hymn**

"If We Speak"

-- Beecher

Affirmation of Ministry

Greeting

Introduction

Presentation

Covenant

Congregational Response

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours, to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ.

We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

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**

In hope and trust we dedicate ourselves and our offerings to Your service, Holy One. Help us to be bold in expressing Your love to the world in both our words and our deeds. Through our gifts may others know of Your abiding care. Amen.

***The Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: God touches our mouths,

People: so we may go to share the good news.

Liturgist: Jesus touches our hands,

People: so we may serve all in need of life and hope.

Liturgist: The Spirit touches our hearts,

**People: so we may be a haven for those who are longing
for acceptance and love.**

Liturgist: Go now in peace.

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

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**