

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

February 14, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

The Prelude

Ring of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

Liturgist: In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices**

Liturgist: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted

**People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

****The Call to Confession**

God makes no distinction between us. We are all sinners, we are all children of God, we are all precious to God, and we are all saved by God. Because God is so impartial, let us confess our common humanity to the One who is generous to all.

***The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

We meet You here, God of faithfulness, our hands and lives full of all our foolish ways. Your people, we treat the strangers who walk among us with fear and doubt. We afflict our anger on those who care about us the most. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives.

So now we bring our hearts to You, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that You will mend them. As You hear our faltering words, we pray You would answer us with Your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others, even as the one who is Lord of all, Jesus Christ, has been so generous to us. Amen.

***The Kyrie**

***Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Liturgist: As you have confessed, do you so believe? The good news is that there is nothing we do that can conquer us, for we are sheltered in God's gracious mercy and hope.

People: This is the truth we believe. The Word is in our hearts, and on our lips, as we give thanks to God who is our shelter and our life. Amen.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise**

"The Gloria Patri"

**Glory 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

**Bring Your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips,
but also reside in our hearts. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help
us to respond to Your word with our whole lives until You become
our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Page 180

Romans 10:8b-13 Page 160

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 of our Lord according to St. Luke

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 4:1-13 Page 61

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily "In The Wilderness"

The Hymn "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days" #211

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

"Lord Hear My Prayer"

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**

**Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts
Yu bestow in abundance. Thank You for food that sustains us
on our journey. Thank You for the company of saints to whom
we are joined. Thank You for giving us your work to do on earth.
We offer back to You a portion of all that we have received,
setting down our baskets in celebration of Your greatest gift,**

Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***The Hymn**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ.

Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone.

Go then in peace,

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

Go secure in the knowledge that

the mercy of God enfolds you

the love of Jesus Christ holds you fast

the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you strong.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response** "Lead Me, Guide Me"

***The Postlude**