

# 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 21, 2016

Second Sunday in Lent

### **The Prelude**

### **Ring of and Announcements**

### **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

### **Musical Meditation**

### **Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Steadfast in purpose, God in Christ calls us,

**People: Offering protection from the night,  
and love that empowers for the day.**

Liturgist: Christ longs for us to draw close Him.

**People:** That we might know His love overflowing  
with strength and tenderness.

Liturgist: A love intent to embrace the world.

**All: Responding to that call, let us draw near to Christ.**

### **\*The Hymn**

"Softly and Tenderly"

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### **\*The Call to Confession**

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?  
With humble hearts, let us approach the throne of grace  
and confess our sins before God and one another.

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

**God of compassion, You know how we rebel against You.  
You know how we doubt and fear and hold back, when You  
call us to freedom, and to partnership in Jesus Christ.  
Holy One forgive us. Free us by the power of the cross,  
That we may serve You without fear. Grant us peace,  
through Jesus Christ who was faithful to the end. Amen.**

### **\*The Kyrie**

#### **\*The Words of Assurance**

**Leader: God, our light and salvation, does not forsake us or  
leave us with our sin. In Christ we are offered the gift  
of healing grace, in Him we are forgiven.**

**People: Thanks be to God,**

**Leader: 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**

**Gracious God, help us to be open to Your holy word that we  
may live by faith and not by fear. In our hearing so change  
us to be like Christ and set our minds on things above. We**

**pray in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Reading of God's Word**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18                      Page 12

Philippians 3:17-4:1                      Page 198

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 13:31-35                      Page 77

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Homily**                      *“Keeping God At Arms Length”*

**\*The Hymn**                      *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

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## **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**

### **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, we have beheld your goodness to us. We pray it  
Acceptable in Your sight, and You will use it and us to do  
Your work in the world around us. Amen.**

### **\*The Hymn**

**"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

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### **\*The Commission and Benediction**

**Liturgist: Go in peace, love and care for one another in the  
name of Christ.**

**The God of reconciliation bless you,  
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you  
this day and forevermore.**

**People: Amen.**

### **\*The Benediction Response**

### **\*The Postlude**