

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 28, 2016

Third Sunday in Lent

The Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God,
to call God's holy name.

**People: As far as the heavens are above the earth,
God's ways are above our ways.**

Liturgist: But we come with confidence because in Christ,
we are called to be God's people.

**People: Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before God our maker.**

***The Hymn**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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***The Call to Confession**

Trusting in divine mercy, and with humble hearts,
let us confess our sin to God and one another.

***The Prayer of Confession – Unison**

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to You. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not Your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to Your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of Your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who You intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***The Kyrie**

***The Words of Assurance**

Liturgist: God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

People: Thanks be to God,

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

**Eternal God, help us to hear Your Word and obey it,
So we may become instruments of Your love. 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

Isaiah 55:1-9 Page 685

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Page 172

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 13:1-9 Page 76

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily *“Bloom Where You Are Planted”*

***The Hymn** *“Come to Tend God’s Garden”*

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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**

**Having been blessed by You, Loving God, we will not waste
our gifts but offer them back to You, so the parched throats
might be soothed by Your grace, the hungry fed on Your
bounty, and the stranger welcomed as family who have
been away for too long. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

***The Hymn**

"Like a Tree beside the Waters"

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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 mercy of God ground us,
the love of Christ take root in us,
and the Holy Spirit grow in us.**

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

***The Postlude**