

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

August 2, 2015

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude

Ring of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Gather in this place, where grace would feed our
spirit's hunger.

People: We come to feed on the grace God gives.

Liturgist: Gather in this place, where the Spirit would quench
our thirsting for God.

People: We come to drink in the joy of God's presence.

Liturgist: Gather in this place, and find the One you seek.

People: We come to meet Christ in the company of one another.

***The Hymn**

"I Come with Joy"

#349

***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**We hear You calling us, loving God, to a life of humility, gentleness
and patience. Keep Your call before us in this hour that we may
recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus our Lord. May Your
Spirit unite us in the bond of peace. Speak to us of the Savior, who
bore humanity's shame that we might learn to interact with one
another in love. Draw us to a common faith, in spite of our**

differences. Lead us into new depths of trust beyond our knowing, and along new pathways of service that will out distance our fears. Amen

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise**

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever One.**

The Collect - Unison

Holy God, may the reading of Your Word be for us the bread You send from heaven that gives life to the world. We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Liturgist: Listen now for the Word of God.

Exodus 16:2-4 Page 62

Ephesians 4:1-16 Page 193

**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. John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:24-35 Page 98

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"What Is This Bread?"

***The Hymn** "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" #329

The Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Silent Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" #283

The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings

The Offertory

***The Offertory Response**

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**

**Loving God, as You fed Your people in the wilderness,
use our gifts, time, and talents as the manna to meet
the hungers of the world in which we live. For Jesus'
sake. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

Liturgist: Our Lord said to us: I AM the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**People: In the company of all who hunger for spiritual food,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ in
the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: May the God of steadfast love be with you.

People: And also with you!

Liturgist: People of God, offer your hearts to God.

People: We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

Liturgist: Children of God, sing your praises to the One who has gathered us here.

People: Our songs of joy travel to the very ends of creation.

Liturgist: Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of life, Your majesty and power, Your continued blessings, and Your great goodness fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon You have in mercy given us. We can only bring our thanks, putting our trust in Your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore, in joy, with the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints in every time and place, we sing Your praise:

All Singing:

Nicaea

Holy, Holy, Holy, One God Almighty!

**All Your works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky
and sea.**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the Christ who comes to set us free.

Liturgist: Holy are You, God of all goodness and truth, and blessed is Jesus, Your Child, our Savior. It was He who came, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, with words which could transform our foolishness, with weakness which could strengthen our fatigued faithfulness, with wisdom which could teach us the way of life in all its

fullness. Yet, we were offended by His life, His ways, His humility. He continued to listen to You, going wherever You sent him - no glory, no wealth, no honor - even to that place called Calvary where sin's thorns crowned Him. Your grace was enough for Him, even in the cold shadows of the tomb, and He walked forth into your steadfast love, leaving death behind in the dust.

**All: Christ came, to shape our lives like His;
Christ came, to be our Guide forever;
Christ will come again, to gather us in glory.**

Liturgist: So now, in this place where we have heard Your promises, among these people in whom we have seen the Christ, pour Your Spirit upon the gifts of Your Table. The broken Bread of life is all we need of hope, for with that hope we can go forth to anoint the lost and hopeless with the oil of Your compassion. Your Cup of grace overflows, more than we will ever need, and more than enough to bring healing to those who have known only hardship, rejection, and loneliness. And when at the end of all time, we discover that it was You who had led us all along the way and brought us to the Table in glory, we will join our voices as one, singing our praise to You, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

The Words of Institution

**The Prayer Of Our Savior - Singing
Our Father, Which 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 Communion (Grape Juice in center of tray/Bread is gluten free)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits. Amen.

***The Hymn** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #89

***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Christ the Bread of Life, sends you out to feed others.

Go out to share what you have received.

God will multiply the gifts you give away.

People: We will turn away from fears of scarcity.

We will celebrate and share our abundance.

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

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

- The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

- The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give abundant life.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace On Earth
"Laminated Card In Pew Rack"

***The Postlude**