

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 16, 2015

The Twelfth 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: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

People: Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

Liturgist: We gather to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: A word that renews us again and again.

**All: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
who loves, saves, and renews us.**

***The Hymn**

"God Is Truly With Us"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Almighty and Wise, God our Savior, we come seeking guidance from You in our lives. Guide us into lives that are meaningful and joyful, lives that seek to reach out to others and build up Your community on earth. Lead us away from the temptations of the world to numb the pain and ease the burdens of life, and instead

seek You to ease our burdens and heal our pain. Call us into the pathways of peace, for the way of peace leads to You. In the name of Christ, who leads us all in the ways of peace, we pray. 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. Amen**

The Collect - Unison

**Almighty God, through the reading of Holy Scripture,
feed us with Your living Word and reveal to us the way of
everlasting life. We pray 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

Liturgist: Listen now for the Word of God.

Proverbs 9:1-6

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Ephesians 5:15-20

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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 6:51-58

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"Who Is This Jesus?"

***The Hymn**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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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

"Spirit of the Living God"

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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**

Living God, we bring our gifts unto You with gratitude for sending Jesus, so that we can live in Him and He in us.

Let us always remain in Him, so that, filled with the Spirit, we may know and do Your will. Help us to live lives of thankfulness and joy, serving You and other people. Amen

***The Hymn**

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

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

**Go, blessed and filled with the wisdom of God,
blessed and nourished by the life of our Lord Jesus Christ,
blessed and directed by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

-Amazing Grace

**The love of God, with peace and joy,
will each of us attend.**

**And will guard our ways through coming days,
until we meet again.**

***The Postlude**