

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 23, 2015

The Thirteenth 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: Come to the Holy One who grants us life,
gather in the name of Christ who gives the food of life.

**People: God has made with us an everlasting covenant
and prospered us in all the works of our hands.**

Liturgist: Let us praise God all people of faith,
for God has richly blessed us in all things.

**People: God's ways are known in all the earth,
God's saving power among all nations.**

Liturgist: God dawns on us like morning light,
like sun flowing forth on a cloudless morning.

**People: God sends the rain that waters the earth;
God rules justly over all creation.**

***The Hymn**

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Living God, Your Son Jesus Christ has the words of eternal life. Be with us this day as we worship You, make Your face to shine on us and increase our joy in serving You. Keep us from words and actions that hurt and destroy. May we honor You and respect one another, as You have so graciously blessed us.

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

Holy God, You have the words of eternal life. By your Holy Spirit, let Your words pierce our darkness, strengthen our faith, and illumine our witness for You. 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.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Page 215

Ephesians 6:10-20 Page 195

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 6:56-69

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Liturgist The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"A Dirty Word"

***The Hymn**

"All My Hope on God Is Founded"

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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 give You thanks for Christ, the bread
from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts.
Endow these gifts with Your power, and impart Your
sustaining strength to all those in need. Amen.**

***The Hymn**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

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

**The blessing of God, who delivers us,
the grace of Christ, who sustains us,
and the communion of the Spirit,
who empowers us, be with you always.**

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**