

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 30, 2015

The Fourteenth 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: Enter this time and place for prayer:

People: Open our hearts, O God, so we might receive You.

Liturgist: Incline Your ear to the Lord:

People: Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.

Liturgist: Listen for the word of God:

**People: May our hearts and minds be open to You,
and may we receive Your Spirit of wisdom and
guidance in our lives, today and every day.**

***The Hymn**

“Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling”

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Author of Life, You have written into our very being compassion
and grace. You have filled our hearts with love. At times we deny
these gifts, believing there is only enough for ourselves. May we
pour out Your love, grace and compassion into this world that it
overwhelms the injustice and evil we face. Grant us the awareness**

of the needs around us and the ability to give of ourselves, so that we might live into Your beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who has shown us The Way, 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

Holy One, by the power of Your Spirit open our hearts and minds to receive Your Word that we not forget the wonders You have done nor neglect to make them known. For we pray in the of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Liturgist: Listen now for the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Page 160

James 1:17-27 Page 229

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. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Page 8

Liturgist The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Anthem "A Beacon of Tradition" -Vaccarelli

The Homily "*Hearing In Vain*"

***The Hymn** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" See Insert
[Beach Spring]

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" #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**

**O God, receive these gifts for the work of Your church.
With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth
of Your word, and follow Your commandments with sincere
hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Hymn** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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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 be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forevermore.

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**