

# 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**

September 13, 2015

Sixteenth 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: The way of the world calls us to get a better job and  
make more money!

**People: The way of Christ calls us to remember those in need  
around us.**

Liturgist: The way of the world calls us to focus on the next step  
up the ladder of success!

**People: The way of Christ calls us to seek God's wisdom and  
guidance.**

Liturgist: The way of the world calls us to turn away from those that  
would hold us back: the homeless, the beggars, the dirty  
children and the imprisoned.

**People: The way of Christ calls us to reach out, to speak out,  
to stand up for God's people and God's justice.**

Liturgist: Come away from the tempting voice of the world.

**All:           Come, let us walk in the ways of Wisdom, let us follow  
                  Jesus to the cross, to die to the ways of this world  
                  and to live for God and God’s people. Come,  
                  let us worship God.**

**\*The Hymn**

**“Bring Many Names”**

**#11**

**\*The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Holy One, Source of all wisdom, renew our sense of awe and  
wonder as we gather here to worship You. Make Your Word  
known to us. Draw us away from our own devices that we may  
truly listen to the witness of creation speaking of the wonders  
we have ignored. Give us eyes to see beauty all around us.  
Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our mumblings and  
awaken our trust. Show us what we need to be doing to stay  
in touch with You each day. Amen.**

**Liturgist:   O Lord, open our lips.**

**People:     And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

**\*An Act of Praise**

**"The Gloria Patri"**

**Glory 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**

**You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let Your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today, that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is You will for us, in Jesus' name we pray, 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.

Isaiah 50:4-9a                      Page 681

James 3:1-12                      Page 230

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 8:27-38                      Page 43

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Homily**                      "But Who Do You Say That I am???"

**\*The Hymn**                      "O Jesus, I Have Promised"                      #493

## **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**

**Lord, who gives us everything we have, we return with joy a portion of our bounty, giving to the work of your church and Your world what is already Yours: ourselves, our lives, and our means. Make good come from these gifts. Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn**

**“O Savior, Let Me Walk With You”**

**#503**

**\*The Commission and Benediction**

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

May Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, abide with you always, keep you strong and gentle, as you serve our Risen Lord in the world of our time.

**People: Amen.**

**\*The Benediction Response**

**-Amazing Grace**

**Through Christ you are a child of God  
who dearly loves us all.  
Go forth in peace to share God’s love;  
rise up to heed Christ’s call.**

**\*The Postlude**