

# 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 27, 2015

Eighteenth 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: We gather here this morning to worship God.

**People: We come seeking comfort, inspiration, community  
and insight.**

Liturgist: We have come to open ourselves to the power of  
God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the  
turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help  
in our learning and growing.**

**\*The Hymn**

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#505

**\*Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**You who have created us and sustain us: we come with  
thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace  
of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us  
that truly draws us toward you and toward our brother and**

**sisters; a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence and your power. 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**

**Gracious God, open Your Word to us this day, let it touch our hearts that through prayer we may never lose sight of the possibility of transformation and be continually surprised by people who believe in one another. We ask this in the name 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.

Psalm 54 Page 522

James 5:13-20 Page 231

**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 9:38-50

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Homily** "The Gift of Prayer...The Burden of Prayer"

**\*The Hymn** "Here, Savior, in this Quiet Place" #555

**The Call to Prayer**

Liturgist: 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** "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" #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**

**We thank You, God for this opportunity to express our love to You through the gifts we bring to support and encourage Your work in near and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can share in extending the gospel and helping to heal humanity's pain, for we bring them to You with grateful hearts.**

**Amen.**

**\*The Hymn**

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#80

**\*The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: May God, who watches over all the righteous,  
give you the gifts needed to be a capable servant.  
May Jesus Christ, who welcomes everyone, give you  
the loving heart of a child so that you can welcome  
others unconditionally.

May the Holy Spirit, who gives us the understanding  
we need to love God and to love others, give us  
unselfish and generous hearts, to heal relationships  
and to live in peace.

**People: Amen.**

**\*The Benediction Response**

-Dennis/#393

**Until we meet again, walk gently in the way.  
Dwell in the hallow of God's hand;  
rejoice and serve and pray!**

**\*The Postlude**