

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

October 4, 2015

Nineteenth 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: Welcome to this place:

People: **where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

Liturgist: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

People: **where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Liturgist: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

People: **where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

***The Hymn**

"I Come with Joy"

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***The Call To Confession**

Liturgist: We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ, who stooped down to save us from our sin but rose in honor and glory to reign forever.
Therefore let us seek God's grace.

***The Prayer of Confession - Unison**

Loving God, You created us to live in relationship with You, to love and serve one another, and to care for all Your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss Your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Liturgist: What are we that God is mindful of us?
Who are we that God should care for us?
Yet God now calls us beloved children;
Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers.
This is the good news of God's grace:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise** "The Gloria in Excelsis"

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The Collect - Unison

Lord God, as You spoke long ago through the voices of Your prophets, speak to us here, speak to us now, through the power of Your Spirit and the promise of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior 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.

Genesis 2:18-24 Page 2

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Page 218

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 10:2-16 Page 46

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Anthem "Creative God, You Spread the Earth"

The Homily "*Seeing Beyond the June Gloom*"

***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 Response

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 God, You have entrusted us with the works of Your own hands. Now we return these gifts to You with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for Your glory and for the good of Your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

Liturgist: Come, people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with one another.

People: We come with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: The Lord be with you..

People: And also with you!

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers in Christ, open your hearts to God.

People: As we seek to walk in integrity in the kingdom, we offer our hearts to God for wisdom and peace.

Liturgist: Come to the Table which has been prepared for you, with songs of thanksgiving in your hearts.

People: With this people gathered in this place, we give thanks to God for all the blessings which are ours.

Liturgist: Long ago, so long ago only You can remember, Imaginative God, You brought creation into being, subjecting chaos to Your will. It was fitting for You to do this, for Your Word shaped glory into mountains, fields and streams; Your Spirit breathed hope into all that has life in you. You spoke to our ancestors, inviting them to walk in Your integrity, but their hearts became hardened by the sweet

words of seduction, their hands were full of sin's bribes. Prophets were sent by You, pleading, cajoling, calling all Your children back to Your side, but we continued to consort with hypocrites. So in Your steadfast love, You sent Jesus to us, that we might receive Your kingdom of peace and redemption as Your little children. So, with those who gather around tables of peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with You in glory, we offer our praises to You with glad songs:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of glory and goodness!
All creation joins in one voice in glorifying you.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the Pioneer of our redemption.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Liturgist: There is no one like Your Servant, Jesus our Brother, God of holiness and grace. Walking in Your integrity, He wandered the world's ways, calling us to follow Him into the kingdom. Walking in peace with You, He invites us to set aside all differences and divisions, so we might live as one in You. Walking in trust towards you, He tasted death for everyone, that we might feast at Your Table of forgiveness through all eternity. As we remember His gentle words and tender heart, as we celebrate the gift of His resurrection, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**All: Christ has died, destroying death;
Christ was raised, bringing peace to all;
Christ will come again, proclaiming God's name to his
sisters and brothers.**

Liturgist: Pour out the Spirit of the Prince of Peace, upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, not only on those gathered in this place, but on all Your children throughout the world: on those who gather around war-scarred tables and at the tailgates of military vehicles, longing to pass the Bread of life from hand to hand, mouth to mouth, until all have been fed; and on those who stand on both sides of walls built by hatred and fear, daring to share the Cup of salvation with those labeled as the 'enemy' until all are graced.

And when the eons of our fighting and destruction are done, when all of Your children are gathered in peace around your Table of glory and grace in heaven, we will bless You in that great congregation, singing our love, our hope, our joy to You, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer Of Our Savior - Singing

**Our Father, Which 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.**

Agnus Dei

Liturgist: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: have mercy on us.

Liturgist: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: have mercy on us.

Liturgist: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: give us Your peace.

The Communion (Grape Juice in center of tray/Bread is gluten free)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits. Amen.

***The Hymn** "We Love Your Realm, O God"

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Christ the Bread of Life, sends you out to feed others.

Go out to share what you have received.

God will multiply the gifts you give away.

People: We will turn away from fears of scarcity.

We will celebrate and share our abundance.

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

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

- The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

- The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give abundant life.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace"

Card In Pew Rack

***The Postlude**