

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 11, 2015

Twentieth 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 look in the mirror and what do we see?

**People: We see people who try to be faithful,
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

Liturgist: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**People: We see with hearts which are open to God's love,
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence
tells us not to be so foolish.**

Liturgist: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**People: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness
for all who would follow.**

***The Hymn**

"I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty"

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***Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

**Holy God, in whose law we find our guidance, in whose love we
find our healing and joy, in whose will we find our goal: do so
rule over our spirits in this hour that we will go from our**

worship with the freedom of those who trust in You, and who need have no more anxiety for themselves. Teach us to take our delight in You, to stay our pride in what we own and what we have done, and to count the doing of Your will to be our glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we see true humility and obedience. 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

Be with us Holy One as we walk this path of life, touch us with Your mercy. As we worship, let us hear Your Word, may it cut through all our pretenses and purify our hearts. In its good news may we make a faithful response, turning away from the accumulation of things to the riches of right relationship. We ask this in the name of 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.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Page 583

Hebrews 4:12-16 Page 220

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 10:17-31

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily "Meeting Jesus...Peril Or Promise"

***The Hymn** "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

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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 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**

When we look in the mirror, may we see our sisters and brothers in need - the lonely, the hungry, the searching, the aching. And as we see them, we pray that these gifts we offer may be used to bring them food, hope, companionship, and healing. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***The Hymn**

“Take My Gifts”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Jesus says: Come, follow me.

Let us go in peace, loving and caring for one another in His name.

May God, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end,
the Alpha and the Omega,
be with you now and forever.

People: Alleluia! 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**