

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

November 8, 2015

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude

Ringing Of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist:

People:

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***Hymn** "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder "

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Eternal God, whose rule extends through all times and places, nudge us to remain alert and watchful and ready for each moment's possibilities. Keep us from weariness, lest we miss Christ's presence and the opportunity to bear witness to the Spirit's movement among us. May our prayers and praise and service glorify You today and always. 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.**

A Time of Commitment--Receiving of Pledges for 2016

Litany of Dedication

Liturgist: The Creator of all life and love has endowed our earth
with bountiful blessings.

People: **God has created humanity to share in the wonder and
joy of these blessings.**

Liturgist: Having freely received so many gifts from God, far
greater than we deserve,

People: **we commit ourselves to freely give of our material
substance to God through the church.**

Liturgist: Being aware of the greatness of God's love for us and of
God's continual spiritual support from within,

People: **we commit ourselves to contribute sacrificially and
cheerfully to the work of the kingdom.**

Liturgist: Realizing that the effectiveness of the church depends in
part upon the support of each member of the
congregation,

People: **we present our pledges of financial support to be given
systematically through the coming year.**

Liturgist: Knowing that the gift without the giver is bare, and that
it can accomplish nothing of itself,

People: we offer ourselves, through the use of our time and
talents to the program of the church.

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: God of grace and God of love: You kept Your promise
by coming in Jesus and creating the church. Enliven,
uphold, and guide the church, that in all ages and
places, it may fulfill Your intention for its mission in
the world. Confirm our commitments to support with
money, work, and prayer, the church You call to do
the work of Christ in the world You love. Amen.

***The Hymn**

"We Give Thee But Thine Own

Verses 1, 2 & 5

The Collect - Unison

**Awaken us, Lord, so that when Your Son comes we may be
ready to receive Him with joy and serve You with clean hearts.
We ask this in the name of Christ, 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 5:18-24 Page 854

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Page 204

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. Matthew

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13 Page 28

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Homily "Oil Crisis"

***The Hymn** "Christ Will Come Again" #608

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 " Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord , send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

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**

**Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts, and for giving us the privilege
of serving you. Help us to be alert and ready for your coming,
serving you faithfully and doing your will. Amen.**

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

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***The Commission and Benediction**

Liturgist: Go forth into the world in peace,
love and care for one another in the name of Christ.
Go strengthened by the great love of God,
enfolded in the compassionate love of Jesus Christ,
filled with the active love of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen!

***The Benediction Response**

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**Until we meet again,
Walk gently in the way.**

**Dwell in the hallow of God's hand;
Rejoice and serve and pray!**

***The Postlude**