

# 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

June 14, 2015

The Third 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: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

**People: The kingdom of God is growing.**

Liturgist: While we sleep and rise night and day:

**People: The kingdom of God is growing.**

Liturgist: The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**People: The kingdom of God is growing,  
its large branches are home to all kinds of people!**

**The Hymn**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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

**O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us the seeds  
of your love and mercy, justice and peace. In this time together,  
touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those seeds through our  
ministries so that all may share in Creation's abundance, to  
make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no  
one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips.

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

### **\*An Act of Praise**

**Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever One. Amen**

### **The Collect - Unison**

**O God, in Your infinite wisdom You have called us to live by faith and given us the promise that if we will give You even the tiniest seed of faith You will bless it. Thank You, Lord. We pray in 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.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Page 784

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Page 181

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 4:26-34 Page 38

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### **The Homily** *"Sowing"*

**\*The Hymn** "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed" #540

### **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**

"Spirit of the Living God"

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**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

### **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**

**God, receive these gifts as signs of our thanks and praise for Your  
indwelling Spirit, who brings to fruition the seeds of faith in Jesus**

**Christ planted within us. May these gifts and our lives bring forth a mighty harvest in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn**                    “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**\*The Commission and Benediction**

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

Go from here knowing that you are  
securely planted in the protection and strength of God,  
connected to the life and love of Jesus Christ,  
sustained by the vitality and power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**\*The Benediction Response**

-Amazing Grace

**The love of God, with peace and joy,  
will each of us attend.**

**And will guard our ways through coming days,  
until we meet again.**

**\*The Postlude**