

# 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 21, 2015

The Fourth 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 in this place to worship our God:

**People: Calm Presence in our times of confusion,  
Comforter in our nights of struggle.**

Liturgist: We gather with fellow pilgrims,  
as we seek to follow Jesus:

**People: Brother to those swamped by fears,  
Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**

Liturgist: We are brought together by the Spirit  
who lives in the depths of our souls:

**People: the Serenity who travels with us  
on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

**\*The Hymn**

**"I Sing as I Arise This Day"**

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

**Holy God who causes stars to burn and energy to flow, may Your presence be made known to us in new ways. When we wonder where You are, shine Your light in new ways. When we wonder why bad things are happening, help us to find all of Your goodness. When we feel hopeless, help us to become Your hope in the world. You have created us out of stardust, and breathed into us life. In You, all things are possible, and all things are created new. May our faith be renewed in You, for You are always doing something new. Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, may we come to know You in new ways on this journey of faith. 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**

**During the clamor of life, we often fail to hear Your voice O God. In this moment, quiet the stirring within us and help us to hear the word of peace that You would speak to us this day. 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.**

**Job 38:1-11 Page 484**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13 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 4:35-41

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Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Homily**

*"Christ Awake In Us"*

**\*The Hymn**

"Be Still, My Soul"

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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 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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## **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**

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by Your mercy, inspired by Your Spirit, open to the joy of Your presence, hospitable to one another and generous toward Your world. Amen.**

#### **\*The Hymn**

**“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”**

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#### **\*The Commission and Benediction**

**Liturgist: In every circumstance, trust in God, who has great power to save and keep us. Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ. May the power of God uphold you, the peace of Christ rest upon you, and the Holy Spirit defend you.**

**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**