

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

February 7, 2016

Transfiguration of our Lord

The Prelude

Ring of The Bell

Word of Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Musical Meditation

Call to Worship

Liturgist: We gather as the faithful of God, we come to listen
to what God has to say to us.

**People: God has invited us to this place:
may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

Liturgist: We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new
covenant of grace and of promise.

**People: We boldly enter into the presence of God,
hoping to be transformed into new people.**

Liturgist: We gather as the faithful of God,
our fears melting away in the heart of God.

**People: We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit,
we come to praise God's holy name.**

***The Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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***The Prayer of Invocation - Unison**

Shine Your face upon us, O Christ, so that we might see one another as made in God's image. Shine Your face upon us, O Christ, so that we might love one another as You have first loved us. Shine Your face upon us, O Christ, so that we might remember that the line between heaven and earth is very thin, and that eternal life begins now. Shine Your face upon us, O Christ, so that we might remember that we are not alone, that You have never left us, but You will return to us in a new way. All of this we pray. Amen.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***An Act of Praise "The Gloria Patri"**

Gloria 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

Solo

"Jesus Gives The Bread"

The Reading of God's Word

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 34:29-35 Page 81

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Page 180

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 Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily

"Listen"

***The Hymn**

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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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

Into My Heart

Into my heart, into my heart

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;

Come in today, come into stay,

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

The Giving of Our Gifts and Offerings

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

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**

Gracious God, we pray You would use these gifts we offer as opportunities for healing and hope, not only here in the places where we live, but throughout Your whole world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

Liturgist: Christ invites to this table all who confess faith in His promises and who intend to live as His people.

People: As God's forgiven and accepted people, let us approach this table in humility.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: The God of the mountaintops be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Come, People of God, to the One who will transfigure your hearts.

People: We offer them to God, who will make them dazzle with grace.

Liturgist: Let us join in singing glad songs of hope to our God.

People: Our voices rejoice in glad thanksgiving to the One who comes to us.

Liturgist: You came down into chaos, Lord our God, creation cradled in Your arms: mountaintops where we could meet You valleys where we could serve your people, green meadows where we could dance with You in joy. You shaped us in Your image, hoping we might live forever in Your wondrous grace, but we felt it was better to live where sin and death could be found. You continued to speak to us through those men and women named prophets, who encouraged us to return to Your side, yet we were afraid to come near to Your forgiveness and hope. So You became flesh and blood for our sake, coming as the One who would reveal salvation to us. With those who gather on mountaintops and by the sea,

with those who are afraid to draw close and those who eagerly run towards You, we offer songs of thanksgiving in these moments:

Holy, holy, holy are You, God enthroned on our praises.

Creation joins in one voice in singing to You.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came down with grace in His hands.

Hosanna in the highest!

You alone are holy, Everlasting God, and blessed is Your Child, Jesus, who took off veil's glory that we might see You face to face. He could have remained aloof, yet was willing to get down in the grittiness of our everyday lives. He could have walked among us without a care to the world, but was willing to be weighed down with the burdens of our fears and doubts. He could have begged for an easy passing, yet took up the cross meant for us, entering into the mists of death where, by removing its mask, we saw it for the empty threat it truly is to us. As we remember how You called Him Your Beloved, as we rejoice that we are his chosen friends, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, that the veil of our fears might be removed;

Christ was raised, so we might see the glory of the resurrection;

Christ will come, so we might live as your own forever.

Pour out Your Spirit of life upon us as we gather around the Table, for it is here we find the gifts of which You spoke so long ago. As we are fed by the Bread of life, we will not lose heart, but go forth to boldly: hold the hand of a scared child, bath the fevered brow of a senior, liftup all who have had their dreams dashed to the ground. As we drink deeply from the Cup

of grace, we will not be weighed down by fears, but go out into the world to bring light into the shadowed corners, to carry hope to all who have none, to set the oppressed free.

And when the veil of time is finally removed, when we see Your glory revealed as grace, we will join our sisters and brothers from every time and of every place, enthroning You on our resounding praises, God in Community, Holy in One, forever and ever. 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.**

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

The Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving – Unison

Gracious God, in this Holy Meal You have given us a

foretaste of Your eternal banquet. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

The Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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***The Commission and Benediction**

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

May the glory of the Lord shine upon you,
the Word of the Lord live within you,
and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth

"Laminated Card In Pew Rack"

***The Postlude**