

# 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!"*

**March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday In Lent**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Organ Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Worship**

L: O God, we bring ourselves to the altar of worship.

**P: Hold us close to your heart, we pray.**

L: We bring our faithfulness.

**P: Shape it with your grace.**

L: We bring our success.

**P: Shape it with generosity.**

L: We bring our weaknesses.

**P: Shape them with compassion.**

L: We bring our possibilities.

**P: Shape them with hope.**

**All: Amen. Let us worship together.**

**Opening Hymn:** #448 Take my Life, God, Let it Be

**Invocation – Unison**

We find ourselves living through, taking part in the great story of the redemption of humankind. Whose story is it, though? This story is God's alone to tell. It hums in the rivers and the trees. It whispers in the skies and the seas. It calls to the people of all places. It speaks in our hearts, in our lives.

**Gloria Patri – Unison**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

**Collect – Unison**

**The story of God's salvation calls our name in creation. This story claims our lives through the Cross. This story shapes our future through the Spirit. We are its telling in this time and this place. In us, the story continues on. Grant us grace, O God, to live out the story you are telling through us. Amen.**

**Reading of the Word**

*Hebrew Scriptures:* Genesis 17:1-7

L: For the Word of God in Scripture

**P: Thanks be to God.**

*Epistle:* Revelation 3:7-8; 11-13

L: For the Word of God among us

**P: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel:* John 12:26-32

L: For the Word of God within us

**P: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Homily    The Key of David and the Door**

**Organ Response**

**Call to Prayer**

L:    The Lord be with you.

P:    **And also with you.**

L:    Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People**

L:    Lord, in your mercy:

P:    **Hear our prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer – unison**

**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, the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**        #221 The Royal Banners Forward Fly

**Sending**

L:    God is telling a story in our lives. It's quite the story – full of the promises God makes and our struggles to trust; full of hard endings and unexpected new beginnings.

P:    **We join all creation in worshipping he who is telling the great story through us; Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth, who makes our story holy.**

L:    Now our service is ended. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P:    **Amen, and thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude**