

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!"*

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Sixth Sunday In Lent

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship - Litany of the Palms

L: Hosanna! Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed be the coming kingdom of God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying:

P: Go into the village ahead, and you will find a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it to me.

L: If anyone says to you, "what are you doing", just say this:

P: The Lord needs it and will send it back right away.

L: The disciples went and found the colt, just as the Lord said.

P: They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

L: About two miles away from Jerusalem, they set out toward the city, with Jesus riding on the colt. Along the way, many people spread their cloaks on the road;

P: Many others spread on the road palm branches they had cut in the fields.

L: Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting:

ALL: Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord! Blessed be the coming of the kingdom of God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: May the palm branches we hold remind us of the worship of those ahead of us who prepared the way of the coming King.

P: May we who follow him now continue to prepare the way of the Lord as we worship him together.

Opening Hymn: #465 Teach me, O Lord, your holy way.

Invocation – Unison

Lord Jesus, you do not hide your face from us. Instead, by your spirit you deal with us when we are at our most misguided. In love, you speak your name into our hearts, and it is enough. When we allow our fears and our desires to dictate how we go about following you, you invite us to follow you into self-denial and service. As we struggle to shape our lifestyle to yours, you carry us with you wherever we go. You speak to us the fullness of grace and truth, Teacher of open hearts, and it is enough.

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

Though we have done nothing to earn them, you pour out the gifts of grace and mercy upon us. When we stumble over our lack of trust, or our desire for something other than what you want to give us, you set us back on our feet, enabling us to follow you into the kingdom. You grant us your peace, O Holy One, and it is enough. Amen.

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-12

L: For the Word of God in Scripture

P: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Revelation 3:14-22

L: For the Word of God among us

P: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

L: For the Word of God within us

P: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn: #485 O Love that will not let me go.

Homily The Lord disciplines those he loves

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: #472 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Sending

L: Go now and live before God in openness and integrity. Set your minds on the ways of God, not clinging to what you want, or what you fear to lose, or to your own life, but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

P: May God give us a share in the eternal covenant; may Christ Jesus seat us beside him in glory; and may the Holy Spirit make us grow strong in faith, leading us in the paths of righteousness.

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

P: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude