

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 7, 2015

Second 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: On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

People: For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

Liturgist: On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

People: Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

Liturgist: On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

People: We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

***The Hymn**

"Come Now, Almighty God"

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***The Prayer of Invocation-Unison**

Our souls wait for You, O God. Our ears are attentive to Your word. We hope for a clear understanding of Your will for us. Let this time draw us together in unity, with a sense of direction and purpose for Your church and our individual lives. Renew us within so that nothing we face can undermine our faith or cause us to despair. Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and help us to reflect this kinship in all we do and say. 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.**

The Collect - Unison

We are waiting, O God, to hear Your Word, for in Your Word is our hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we hear Your voice and be attentive to what You will say to us today. We ask this and all things in the name of 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.

Genesis 3:8-15 Page 3

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 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 3:20-35 Page 37

Liturgist: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Homily "Sisters and Brothers of Jesus"

***The Hymn** "Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls"

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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

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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**

In the spirit of faith, Great God, we thank You for the opportunity

to give our offerings,

to participate in extending Your grace

to more and more people,

and to give all glory to You. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Approach

Liturgist: Our Lord said to us: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**People: In the company of all who hunger for spiritual food,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ in
the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liturgist: May the Spirit-sharing God be with you!

People: And also with you!

Liturgist: Come to the One who breathes new life into us.

People: Here are our hearts, O God. Renew them!

Liturgist: Sing to God as long as you live.

People: Our songs will be offered as long as we have life.

Liturgist: Catching a glimpse of goodness and beauty,
You shattered the stillness of chaos with Your imaginative
Word, Your Spirit of faith. What had not been seen before
sprang forth: suns and moons spinning in the galaxies,
rivers racing one another to the seas, gentle grains
whispering in the breeze. This garden of wonders and
hopes were shared with those You created in Your image,
but we wanted to do things our way and forsook You for
the temptations offered to us by sin and death. You would
not forsake us and sent the prophets to us with words of
hope and grace, but we rejected their words as having no
meaning for us. Your love was steadfast and Your faith for
us did not diminish as You sent Jesus to call us back to your
heart. With those whose faith is strong and firm, with those
who struggle to believe, with all of every time and place,

**All: Holy, holy, holy are You, God of our hearts.
All creation praises you with words of hope.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes to strengthen our souls.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Liturgist: You are holy, God of hope and forgiveness, and Jesus Christ
is Your love made human. He could have come to divide us, but came that we might be one with You and with our sisters and brothers. He could have come to judge us, but came to pull us out of harm's way. He could have come to defy us, but came to reject Death and sin's claim on us, defeating their power once and for all.

As we remember how we have turned our backs on Him, as we hear His invitation to this Table of grace, we speak of that faith in which we believe:

**All: Christ died, showing us the way of obedience;
Christ is raised, showing us the way of new life;
Christ will come, showing us your glory.**

Liturgist: You surround us with Your care, stretching out your hand upon those gathered in this place, Your Spirit transforming ordinary gifts into sacred grace and hope. We taste the bread and drink from the cup, and notice what we have not seen: the hunger of the world, the loneliness of those around us, the child with no hope, and we do not lose heart, trusting that You will use us to serve these needs around us so that grace upon grace might be shared with our sisters and brothers. And when You stretch out your hands to lead us home, and we are gathered around the Feast of the Lamb which we can only glimpse in this moment, we will sing of Your steadfast love and faithfulness forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. 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 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of the Holy Spirit keep us faithful to Your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our place of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***The Hymn** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" #393

***The Commission and Benediction**

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

And may the welcoming love of God embrace you;
the grace and peace of Jesus Christ fill you;
the renewing power of the Holy Spirit refresh you.

People: Amen.

***The Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace On Earth
"Laminated Card In Pew Rack"

***The Postlude**