

***THE PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

(Share greetings of peace with one another.)

***HYMN #188** v1 Jesus Loves Me
 (Children come forward for Children's Chat)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 17:22-32

John 14:15-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON You Know Him Pastor Debbie Cerra

***HYMN #627** *I Love You, Lord*

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS (in unison)

Creator God, on this day that we set aside to honor and remember mothers, we offer thanks for our own mothers. We know that, in giving birth, they extended unconditional love and sacrificed much. Raising children can be challenging yet they did their best and many allowed others to help. We realize that motherhood extends beyond bloodlines. Today, we thank you for the women who, in one way or another, have shared love, wisdom, grace, and comfort in a motherly way – be it a relative, neighbor, teacher, coach, friend, or stranger. We ask that you send an extra special blessing to every woman whose love and help impacted another. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, singing THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***HYMN #157** | Danced in the Morning

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** *Rejoice in the Lord Always* arr. D. Callender

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Office Hours: M, T, W, TH 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Immediately following service today, join us at Coffee Hour downstairs in the Dining Room for a wonderful time of fellowship and a fresh cup of coffee!

SAVE THE DATE!

Make sure you save the date of June 4th for the return of the Strawberry Festival! More news to follow soon.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church, the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. This year the Pentecost Offering will be collected on the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 28.

156TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The 156th Annual Memorial Day Service is scheduled to be held on the front lawn, Monday May 29, 2023 @ 9:30 AM. The rain site will be our Sanctuary. Please remember to bring your own lawn chair. The church doors will be open before and after the service, and bottled water and donuts will be available.

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you considered wanting to become a full member of our community of faith? Do you have questions about what that even means or what it would entail? This month there will be two meetings for those interested. Each meeting will take about

90 minutes and will be more like friends talking than a class.

The dates of these meetings will be as follows:

Thursday May 18: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Sunday May 21: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Blake at

blakea.severson@gmail.com or notify the office.

GRIEF GROUP

The Grief Group is available for anyone who has experienced a significant loss of any kind. Parma-South Presbyterian Church has this resource available. The group meets online the first and third Thursday of every month. For more information, contact Pastor Debbie. She can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

Church Staff

Pastor Blake Severson	Transitional Pastor
Pastor Debbie Cerra	Parish Associate
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Ruling Elders on Session

Elder Audrey Brandmeier, Clerk of Session, Fellowship Committee
Elder Ray Burner, Property Committee
Elder Melissa Evans, Mission Committee
Elder Katie Kolthoff, Finance Committee
Elder Lisa Profio, Discipleship Committee
Elder Becca Sivik, Discipleship Committee
Elder Ed Walker, Personnel Committee
Elder Yung-Tse Hung, Personnel, Worship Committee
Elder Kathy Zietlow, Worship Committee

Norma Fink and Carolyn Jeremiah, Caring Team

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May 14, 2023

10:00 am

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. J. Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

There is so much we do not know or understand.

So much of God is unknown to us.

We want to worship the One who gives us breath.

We reach for the reality beyond our knowing.

God is not limited to shrines made by us.

God is everywhere present in the whole universe.

***HYMN #32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess that we love our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that draw us close to you and the caring outreach that links us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Because God loves us, God offers grace to all.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***HYMN #626** As the Deer

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *A Childlike Faith* S. Callaway (Chancel Choir)

***DOXOLOGY #606 and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day)

10:00 AM –Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, May 15

7:00 PM – Life Group -- Parlor

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 PM – Boy Scout Meeting – Gym

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 AM – Coffee with the Pastor – Parlor

5:30 PM – Session – Conference Room

Thursday, May 18

4:00 PM – Grief Group – Online

5:30 PM – New Members Meeting -- Parlor

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, May 20

11:00 AM – Coffee with The Word – Dining Hall

Sunday, May 21

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Hall

11:30 AM – New Members Meeting – Parlor

12:00 PM – Eagle Scout Court of Honor – Gym, Kitchen

2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Walter L. Schilke

Maxine Abbott

LIFE GROUP – DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Join live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM, and on Mondays starting at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Any prayer request can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. They are in a holder at each pew and then placed in the offering plate.

MISSION GARDEN UPDATES

Please mark these dates on your calendar. You won't want to miss out.

Saturday, May 13th 9:00-11:00 AM

Garden work day

Saturday, May 20th 9:00-11:00 AM

PLANTING DAY!!!!

(Rain make up to TBA)

Please bring your favorite pair of work gloves and your green thumb! If you have any questions, please contact Tony Indovina. (216) 701-0880