



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Memorial Day Weekend

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Johl Lahl, Lay Reader

Chris Venesile, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

Chancel Choir

May 26, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude

Call to Worship

Faded photographs, uniforms at attention or at ease, distant memories of special times, of painful news.

Family and friends saddened by death, anguished by loss, conflicted over wars.

Yet we are not alone.

We are surrounded by the saints, forever remembered by God, forever held by God, forever given reason to sing.

For God's love is stronger than death.

And the Spirit gives wings to new hope: let us worship God!

***Hymn N^o. 620** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

***Call to Confession**

Bringing ourselves before Almighty God, let us confess our selfish nature and self-serving deeds. Let us pray together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, we come to you today, as we came yesterday, and as we will come tomorrow, as imperfect people who need your strength and your love, in so many ways. We have violated the purpose of your creation:

- **We have taken one another for granted and have not responded to one another in creative ways;**
- **We have spoken in anger and have failed to speak the truth in love;**

- **We have neglected good conduct and have followed self-serving ways.**

Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

The good news is for us all today: Christ loves us and calls us to receive new life.

No matter the past and no matter what we have done or not done, God's love nourishes us with new life and hope.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven – Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri N^o. 581**

Anthem For Where Love Is, There is God D. Wagner

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 144

Second Lesson Romans 12:9-13, 15-18, 21

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn N^o 188 (Verse 1) “Jesus Loves Me”

Time for Young Disciples:

Sermon “Weeping With Those Who Weep” Dr. Fancher

***Hymn N^o. 828** “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory The Sacred Hour D. Higgins

***Doxology N^o. 606**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

You call us, O God, to listen to the needs of the world –to the conflict, the pain, the tragedies. You call us to respond in your name, with deeds of compassion and gifts of love. With gratitude for all we have received, we trust that all we offer now will bring about what is good through the ministry and mission of the church. Our prayers and our gifts we offer in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn N^o. 331** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

***Charge & Blessing**

Go to the World!

Go to the World! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Choral Response** “Peace of the Lord”

***Postlude** “Great is the Lord” D & M. W. Smith

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Announcements and Events

Sunday, May 26, 2024



**PARMA-SOUTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Church Office Hours: M – TH 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 26

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, May 27

9:30 AM – Memorial Day Service – Parma-South Lawn

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

Thursday, May 30

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting – Parlor

Sunday, June 2

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group - Online

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today’s lesson and look deeper into today’s scripture. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

CARE TEAM - The Care Team has a supply of stamped and addressed cards in the Narthex for our friends and members. Please take a few and sign, add a short message if you’d like, then mail. Let’s stay connected.

GRIEF GROUP - Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Many thanks and blessings.

MEETINGS - Please notify officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

CONTACTING OUR NEW GAP PASTOR – Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher

In the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach Pastor Jon quickly, please call or text his personal cell phone at (440) 263-8872. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting him.

- Office hours: Friday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.
- On May 31st only Office hours: Friday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Office Administrator – Kathy Snyder replaces our off-site Virtual Ministry Assistant Nicole (who will remain until May 31, working with Kathy on the transition.) Contact Kathy Snyder by phone during office hours: M-TH, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or by email at: officeadmin@parma-south.org

- **On Sunday, June 9**, after worship, join us at Coffee Hour to welcome our new Office Administrator, Kathy Snyder. Come and meet the friendly face to whom you speak with on the phone!
*Please Note that this will be the last Coffee Hour until the Fall.

Memorial Day Service - May 27 at 9:30 AM: Our Fellowship Committee will provide bottled water and donuts. The sanctuary will be open to the community; church members will be located at the front doors to greet visitors. The service will be led by Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher and the American Legion Post 703. It will include a welcome by Mayor Gallo, singing of patriotic hymns, music by the Valley Forge Marching Band, and brief messages from two local veterans. The thirty-minute service will be followed by a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where departed veterans will be honored. **Please plan to be part of this service of recognition and remembrance.**

Presbytery Meeting Attendance – The Presbytery of the Western Reserve holds a “presbytery meeting” on the third Monday of every other month from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm. Meetings are hosted by different churches, either in-person or virtually via Zoom. In addition to attendance by pastors within the Presbytery, each church can send up to two “commissioner representatives.” A church commissioner can be any current or past elder from that church, who can vote on issues on behalf of their church. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn about issues,

concerns, and policies within the denomination or within our Presbytery, and share ideas with other churches. Each meeting includes a brief church service. For more information, or to register to attend a future meeting as a Parma-South representative, please contact Don Sinko at: donsinkocpa@hotmail.com.

Annual Strawberry Festival – Sunday, June 2 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. It will be held on our front lawn (weather permitting). Come, relax, and enjoy lunch, refreshing beverages and entertainment. There will be an assortment of food and, of course, our delicious strawberry shortcake! Please invite your family and friends and join us for a great time.

Ongoing Prayer Concern: Pastor Blake’s wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. **Cards can be sent to:** Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St. Anchorage, AK 99504



School of Rock Musical

**Come see
Pastor Jon perform at:
The Cassidy Theatre!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9
AT 2:30 PM**

Memorial Day Service

**Monday, May 27
at 9:30 AM**

Location

Parma-South Front Lawn

*Bring a Lawn Chair



Annual Strawberry Festival

Parma-South's Annual
**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**

JUNE 2 | 11AM - 1PM



Church Hiking

For more information, contact Katie at 216-386-7741.

- Saturday, June 29 at 12:30 PM
Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve
- Sunday, July 14 at 12:30 PM
Big Creek Reservation
- Sunday, August 11 at 12:30 PM
Brecksville Reservation - Salamander Loop Trail



Love Inc. - Cuyahoga County



Thank you for your continued support! Last year we assisted **721 children** and **1,434 adults**. This year we will be an Implementing Partner and Ambassador for CarePortal. **CarePortal** connects the local church to children's needs living near the church. (There is no cost to the church to be part of CarePortal). The goal is to assist families to keep the kids out of foster care. **More information:** careportal.com/how-careportal-works