



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Becca Sivik, Lay Reader

Chris Venesile, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, AV Coordinator

September 8, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude

I Love You, Lord

arr. M. Hayes

Call to Worship

Like the tender parent who supports a child's first steps,

God guides us along.

Like the loving grandparent who gathers us into an abundant lap,

God holds us in our times of need.

Like a lasting friend who seems to sense our needs,

God is mysteriously working for good in all our days.

In many ways and with many faces,

God is loving us. Praise God!

***Hymn No. 804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

***Call to Confession, and Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of our public persona and our secret selves: The way we make our way through our lives, we're used to some wiggle room, some give-and-take. But you're not much of a negotiator. You tow a hard line, telling us, "This is the way it is going to be." When you sent Jesus to save us, you didn't mean, "...to save the ones who can't manage their own lives." You meant that Jesus desires to deliver every single one of us into your dependable care. For without you, God, we live only an illusion of self-sufficiency and control. Make us look in the mirror to recognize that we, too, are among the lost. We need your saving grace which you offer us in Jesus. May the power of his name draw us together in fellowship, leading us to worship and praise you, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (from 1 John 4:9)

Attend to these words from the first letter of John:

“God’s love was revealed among us in this way—God sent the Son into the world so that we might live through him.”

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri N^o. 581** Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end, Amen, Amen.

Musical Meditation Fairest Lord Jesus arr. M. Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10

Second Lesson Luke 6:17-26

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn N^o. 188 (verse 1) Jesus Loves Me

Time for Young Disciples: (Children may come forward)

Sermon “No ‘Insiders’ or ‘Outsiders’” Dr. Fancher

***Hymn N^o. 852** When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

Prayers of the People, and The 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 To A Wild Rose B. Price

***Doxology N^o. 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of Earth and Heaven: to you who gives all, we give thanks for what you give. We thank you for your love in Jesus. Fill our hearts with gratitude, and lead us into ever-deeper joy in giving. May our whole lives serve your will in his name. Amen.

***Hymn N^o. 93** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***Charge & Blessing**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again N^o. 542

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide uphold you,

With a shepherd’s care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

***Postlude** Excerpt from Allegro L. Boellman

*Please stand in body or spirit

The logo for Parma South Presbyterian Church features a blue cross with a white outline, set against a light blue background. The text "Parma South Presbyterian Church" is written in a blue serif font, with "Parma" and "South" on the top line, "Presbyterian" on the second line, and "Church" on the third line.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Sunday, September 8, 2024

REMINDER

All members, please sign the attendance book. Thank you.

OFFICE NEWS

Kathleen Snyder is no longer working for Parma-South. The Personnel Committee has begun the search for her replacement as our Church Administrator. During this transition the following changes have been implemented:

We welcome back Nicole Cockrell representing Ministry Architects to perform most of our administrative needs. Any bulletin information please send to Nicole at: officeadmin@parma-south.org.

In addition, Cathy Demoss will be at the church Monday-Thursday from 9:00a.m. – Noon. Cathy will be functioning as our church receptionist and performing various office duties during this transition period.

We appreciate both Nicole and Cathy's skills and support for our church!

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 8

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Outdoors (weather permitting)
11:00 AM – Welcome Back to “Sundae” School – Church Lawn

- No Coffee Hour

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, September 9

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, September 10

10:00 AM – Esther Circle – Parlor
7:00 PM – Mission Committee Meeting - Online

Sunday, September 15

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room
3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: M – TH 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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 mmsgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

CONTACTING OUR 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.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERN: Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers.

Card can be sent to:

Blake Severson,
420 Cherry St.
Anchorage, AK 99504

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back to “Sundae” School – Please join us on the front lawn after the worship service, for a sweet treat and fellowship.

- The East Coast Custard Ice Cream Truck will be here to help us celebrate! **All are welcome!**

Sunday, September 8, 2024 (Today) – There will be no coffee hour, since we are having an ice cream social for back to school.

- Coffee hour will resume on Sunday September 15, 2024.

Esther Circle – Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 am in the Parlor. The title of this year's study is, “Let Justice Roll Down”. Throughout the year we will be looking at issues that impact the earth and those who live there. All women are welcome for a time of study and fellowship.

Men's Square – Meet us at Denny's (Parma) on Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 am for Breakfast. For more information contact Ed Walker at (440) 552-2998

Join the New Tech Team! – Skills required: 1. Willingness to learn/research and 2. Reasonable comfort using computers. **Parma-South Presbyterian Church** (post-covid) has had an explosion of Technology.

- Are you willing to give of your time to meet & discuss tech topics? If you are the kind of person who checks email daily and owns a smart phone, you have enough tech savvy experience to help.

Let's meet, say, monthly. To formally volunteer, please contact Audrey at (440) 582-1418. (Yup, an old-fashioned land line!) **All are welcome!**

The Love INC Annual Coat Drive – Begins on September 9th and ends on October 17th. The annual drive has resulted in over 1500 coats being donated to those in need each year. These coats are dry cleaned and covered in plastic before they are given to local churches and organizations for distribution. If you know someone in need of a coat, please call the church office and give us the information on size and if it is for a child or an adult (male or female).

CarePortal – Session has approved having a partnership with CarePortal. CarePortal will connect Parma-South with a local child in need who is living near Parma-South Presbyterian Church.

- The goal is to assist families to keep the children out of foster care. Information on children who need help will be sent to Love INC. Love INC will then forward the information to the contact person of the respective church.
- **Volunteer Opportunity** – A contact person is needed for Parma-South. A short training session will be conducted by Love INC. Susan Rhee has agreed to be a mentor for the contact person. **We need someone to volunteer** to be that contact person, in order for Parma-South Presbyterian Church to participate.
 - If you would like to volunteer as our contact person, please call the church office. More information is also available at: <https://www.careportal.org/how-careportal-works/>

Trunk or Treat – Please join us for Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 27th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM, in the church parking lot. There will be candy, crafts, and lots of fun! If you would like to participate, decorate your car, and/or donate candy, please contact the church office.