



FIFTH SUNDAY  
in  
LENT  
*Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Pastor**

Laura Dory, **Lay Reader**

Chris Venesile, **Music Director**

Laurie Archibald, **Organist/Pianist**

Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**

**April 6, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**Reminder: Please sign the attendance pad located in the pew. Thank you.**

*\*Indicates: Please stand in body or spirit, as you may.*

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## **The Church Life and Ministry**

**Prelude**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

**arr. M. Hayes**

### **Call to Worship**

God of new beginnings –  
Where there is a need for certainty,

**Cultivate peace in us.**

Where there is comparison,

**Cultivate gentleness in us.**

Where there is fear,

**Cultivate hope in us.**

Where there is doubt,

**Cultivate faith in us.**

Where there is isolation,

**Cultivate worship in us;**

For in worship we draw near to you and one another.

**Let us worship Holy God.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**No. 515**

**“I Come With Joy”**

### **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are  
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.**

**We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,  
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.**

**Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.**

**Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.**

**Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.**

**Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,  
with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.**

**In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The old life has passed away, and a new life has begun.

**Forgetting what lies behind,**

**and straining forward to what lies ahead,**

**we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**\*Gloria Patri N<sup>o</sup>. 581**

**Anthem**

**“Face The Cross”**

**arr. R.E. Schram**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

John 12: 1 - 8 (NIV)

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 188 “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)**

**SERMON**

**“Cultivating Extravagant Love”**

**Hymn of Meditation**

**N<sup>o</sup>. 201 “A Prophet-Woman Broke A Jar”**

**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**

**“Quiet Time”**

**arr. S. Oyer**

**\*Doxology N<sup>o</sup>. 606**

**Prayer of Dedication**



## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



We give thanks to you, O God, for your abundant, steadfast love. The love that created the world and all that is in it, also calls it good... So we unite our voices with the saints of every time and every place:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

With thanksgiving, we celebrate this meal to remember all that Christ has done, is doing, and will do, proclaiming together, great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

\*Closing Hymn

Nº. 704

“To My Precious Lord”

\*Charge & Blessing

Congregational Response

“Sometimes A Light Surprises” Nº. 800

Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;

It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;

When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again

A season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

\*Postlude

“Sing Unto the Lord”

arr. M. Hayes



# Parma-South

Presbyterian Church USA

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, April 6**

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM — Coffee Hour—Dining Room

2:45 PM — Life Group—Online

### **Monday, April 7**

7:00 PM — Life Group Meeting — Parlor

7:00 PM — Den Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 8**

10:00 PM Esther Circle — Parlor

**5:30 PM Weekly Soup Supper – Dining Room**

7:00 PM Scout Troop 263 — Social Hall

### **Wednesday, April 9**

6:30 PM— Fellowship Committee — Online

### **Saturday, April 11**

8:00 AM— Easter Pancake Breakfast — Dining Room & Gym

9:00 AM— Men's Square — Denny's, Parmatown



## WEEKLY SOUP SUPPERS

5:30 PM EACH TUESDAY during LENT 2025

**Every Tuesday** during Lent, we will share a simple meal and engage in a short devotional. **Do you make a famous soup or chowder you can share? We need TWO soups for April 15th.** Please call 440-885-2652 or EMAIL [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org) to sign up to bring in a pot for that week or tell us you will be coming. There is a sign-up at the \*Holy Communication table in the narthex.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit requests using the back of the attendance sheet or Prayer Request cards available in the pew holders. Place completed cards in the offering plate.

Cathy DeMoss (medical concerns)  
Family of Malcolm Shields, who passed

March 30

Family of the late Robert Rutledge,  
who passed on March 21

Stacy & Stephen Brewer (illness)  
Eleanor Indovina  
Robert Rutledge

**Life Group** – This is an opportunity to discuss today's lesson and look deeper into today's scripture with the **book of Ephesians**. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998.

**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!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**— Please reach out to Stacy Brewer if you'd like her to mail out your 2025 Offering Envelopes. You can reach her at [treasurer@parma-south.org](mailto:treasurer@parma-south.org), 440-885-2652 (office) or 216-970-5286 (cell).

**Grief Group** – Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra hosts an online group on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Contact Debbie at (856) 912-1202. She is also leading in person grief groups on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Strongsville United Methodist Church from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS & COMMUNICATIONS

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Weekly Announcements: Submit by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays.**

**Meetings:** This includes scheduling requests or cancellations notices.

**Events:** All upcoming events should be communicated to the church office.

**\*All office communications should be sent to the Office Administrator at [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org).**

# Easter Luncheon

**Please join us for fellowship and an  
Easter meal immediately after church on  
Sunday, April 20.**

**Please bring a side dish to share.**

**We hope you can join us!**



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**Please sign up at  
the HOLY COMMUNICATION table  
located in the narthex if you plan to attend and also if  
you will be bringing a dish to share.**



# OFFERING of LETTERS

Put your faith into action with  
Bread for the World's Offering of Letters!

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations, and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can **end hunger**.

By taking part in **Bread for the World's 2025 Offering of Letters**, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

**Your letter matters.** Combined with others from your church, campus, or organization—and joined with the voices of thousands of advocates across the country—your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decision makers to pursue a world without hunger. God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.

## Prayer of the Day

God of love,

We gather this day to worship you;  
to hear your word proclaimed,

to pray for our neighbors,  
near and far,

and to offer the gift of our voices

-and our words

so that children around the world  
have enough nourishing food

that they will thrive.

Amen. 🙏



## How to participate in an Offering of Letters

Join Bread for the World in pursuing a world without hunger.

Please take a few minutes to write your members of Congress. Urge them to help families and children experiencing hunger and poverty—no matter where they live.

Scan the QR code to email Congress.

Sample letters can be found to print or send by email at [bread.org/offering-letters](https://bread.org/offering-letters).