

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

3rd Sunday of Easter / Communion Sunday

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Senior Pastor**

Rev Dr. Debra May Cerra, **Guest Preacher**

John Lahl, **Lay Reader**

Chris Venesile, **Music Director**

Laurie Archibald, **Organist/Pianist**

Chris Kurka, **AV Coordinator**

May 4, 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.*

THE CHURCH LIFE AND MINISTRY

PRELUDE

“Give Thanks”

arr. M. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

We cry to you in our need, O God.

We believe you are working to make us whole.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD!

***OPENING HYMN**

Nº 611

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You know better than we do, Amused God,
what important people we believe we are.**

**Believing we have to be serious all the time,
we miss out on the joy of your creation.**

**Choosing to feast on the pain of the world,
we skip the picnic offered in paradise.**

**Clinging to the despair which is our best friend,
we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart.**

**Forgive us, Heart of Joy,
and make us open to the startling,
and upside-down, ways in which you work.**

Fill us with Easter's laughter;

fill us with your healing joy;

**fill us with the love poured into us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI N^o. 581**

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Father In Heaven" arr. D. Von Kampen
Chris Venesile, piano and vocal soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

John 21: 1-19 (NRSV)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SERMON "Do YOU Love Me?" Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra

HYMN OF MEDITATION N^o. 627 "I Love You, Lord"
(sing through twice)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**We will sing the Lord's Prayer (tune: MALOTTE)*

**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

“I Belong to the King”

arr. R. Loree

***DOXOLOGY— No. 606**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CALL TO PRAYER

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.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. You are always the same and your years will never end.

You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you. Still you loved us and sought us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs, and will all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy. Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent your only-begotten Son to be for us the Way, the Truth, and the Life. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you have birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this juice from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

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Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and juice, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN N^o. 724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**"Sometimes A Light Surprises" N^o. 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**

"Welcome Happy Morning"

arr. D. Paxton



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.

Healing and comfort

Cathy DeMoss, healing
Arline Ferencz, in hospice
Janet Foster, lost 3rd son to gun violence this past week
Ken Fritz, health concern
Linda, speedy healing
Richard Ress, recovering from major cancer surgery
Megan Severson-being evaluated for a liver transplant
Carol Shields, following a fall needs surgery
Stephen Family (loss of family member)
Summers Family, health concerns
Family of Calvin Weiss, who passed away 4/20
Jean Williamson

The late Rev. Malcolm Shields' Memorial Service has been postponed indefinitely due to Carol's fall, planned surgery and recovery.

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!

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.

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

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.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Communion Sunday, May 4

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM—Coffee Hour

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, May 5

7:00 PM — Life Group Meeting — Parlor

Tuesday, May 6

11:00 AM — Care Team Meeting — Parlor

7:00 PM Scout Troop 263 — Social Hall

Saturday, May 10

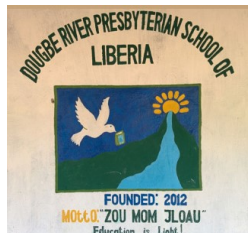
9:00 AM — Men's Square Group — Dunkin' Donuts, Pearl Road



Douge River School of Liberia

Fundraiser Event — May 15th, 6:00pm –8:00pm

78th Street Studios — 1301 West 80th, Cleveland, 1st Floor



Join others from around the Cleveland area to browse artwork, mingle with friends, and learn more about the Douge River School. This open house is free and open to all !!

April Donation Request: **Body Wash and Men's 3-in-1 wash**

The clothing room at **Love INC** is constantly filling requests. Volunteers pack bags with clothing and a variety of toiletries for Cuyahoga County residents. This month, the clothing room is asking for donations of **men and women's body wash, and men's 3-in-1 wash.**

We are placing supplies next to chancel at the front of the sanctuary.

If you are able to donate these items please call (216) 459-0405 or email info@loveinccuy.org to set up an appointment to drop off your supplies. Love INC is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. **We appreciate your generosity in supporting our community!**





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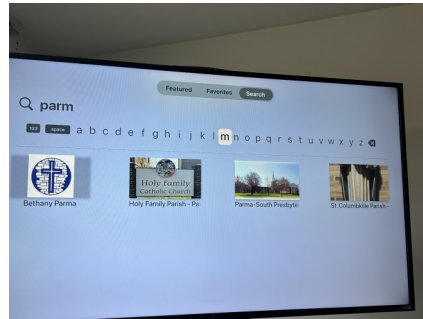
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