Parma-South Presbyterian Church

6155 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

14th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 17

August 30, 2026 10:00 AM

"Follow Me"

Sculpture by
William McVey
(1905—1995)

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Senior Pastor**
Noa Weatherwax, **C.E. Coordinator**
Chris Venesile, **Music Director**
Laurie Archibald, **Pianist**
Susan Geers, **Lay Reader**
Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**
Thomas Molua, **A/V Team Member**
Kyle Jackson, **A/V Team Member**

I am HERE

Please scan this QR code OR sign the attendance pad located in the pew.

Welcome to worship at Parma-South Presbyterian Church!!

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

WELCOME

THE CHURCH LIFE AND MINISTRY

PRELUDE "Fantasia"

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)
Sing a song of thanksgiving.
Declare God's wondrous deeds.
For the Lord dwells among the people;
The glory of God abides with us.

***OPENING HYMN** No. 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**
Friends, hear the good news:
Christ has broken the power of sin and evil
and has opened us to the way of eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-28 (NIV)

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This
shall never happen to you!”
23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling
block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human
concerns.”
24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save
their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will
it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can
anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in
his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according
to what they have done.
28 “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they
see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)
9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to
one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in
zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient
in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in
need. Practice hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those
who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one
another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low
position. Do not be conceited.
17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of
everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with
everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s
wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. 20 On the
contrary:
“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN No. 188 (verse 1 only) “Jesus Loves Me”

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON **"Follow Me"** Rev. Christin Moreland

HYMN OF MEDITATION
No. 726 "The Summons"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"You'll Never Walk Alone"** O. Hammerstein/R. Rogers

***DOXOLOGY** No. 606 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
No. 771 "What Is the World Like", v 3

What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

***POSTLUDE** "God of All Righteousness" D. Paxton

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Djucik
Ann Kasner - medical tests
Fran Marvel
Barb Carrig
Judy - Sharon's sister
Janet Fritz
Barbara - Judy's sister
Linda Tresise medical issues
Roseanne Best - had a fall
Nancy Calloway eyesight problems
Nancy Indovina - foot surgery healing
Ben Chu immigration hearing

Megan Severson' s address:
2612 Inga St
Anchorage AK 99508

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 13 — BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING OF THE PACKPACKS

BIBLE STUDY— Tuesday at 6:00PM in the Upper Conference Room.
"Two Questions" in exploration: *Who is Jesus? And if that 's who Jesus is, what am I going to do about it?*

This Week at Parma South

Sunday, August 30

10:00AM – Worship Service — Sanctuary

3:00 PM — Al-Anon — Parlor

Tuesday, September 1

11:00PM—Care Team Meeting — Parlor

4:00PM—7:00PM — Parma-South Farmer's Market — Outdoor/Greenspaces

6:00PM — Bible Study — Upper Conference Room

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.**

COMING FOR CHRISTMAS

ORGAN MUSIC

THE TEAM COMMISSIONED IN JANUARY TO STUDY REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OPTIONS HAS CONCLUDED THEIR RESEARCH

REPAIRS WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH

We're looking forward to:

- Breathing new life into the sanctuary
- Reconnecting with traditional roots
- Opening our doors for music students and recitals

How can we afford it?

Actually, donated funds already in the endowment accounts were dedicated to organ maintenance. Building maintenance merged with organ maintenance in 2017. A donor has requested recharacterization of his donation back to the organ. It's not going to cover everything, but we'll have the organ functioning by Christmas.

FOR FUNDING QUESTIONS, SEE DON SINKO
FOR REPAIR QUESTIONS, SEE JOHN DECKER

PARMA-SOUTH
Loving Our Neighbors
FARMERS' MARKET

FARMERS MARKET

Shop Local, Eat Local, Love Local

Parma-South Presbyterian Church
6155 Pearl Rd, Parma Heights

TUESDAYS | 4 - 7PM

July 7 - September 22

VENDOR APPLICATIONS
STILL BEING ACCEPTED

email: farmersmarket@parma-south.org

Where neighbors gather, good grows!

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