Parma-South Presbyterian Church
6155 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130
BACK to SCHOOL
Worship Service
16th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19
September 13, 2026 10:00 AM
Rev. Christin Moreland, Senior Pastor
Noa Weatherwax, C.E. Coordinator
Chris Venesile, Music Director
Laurie Archibald, Pianist
Kim Wainwright, 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.

This Week at Parma South

Sunday, September 13

10:00AM – Blessing of the Backpacks & Worship — Sanctuary

3:00 PM — Al-Anon — Parlor

Tuesday, September 15

All Day — PHPD Onsite Training—Education Wing

10:00PM—Esther Circle — Parlor

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

6:00PM — Bible Study — Upper Conference Room

7:30PM — Fellowship Meeting — Online

Wednesday, September 16

5:30PM—Session Meeting — Hybrid

Thursday, September 17

6:30PM — Grief Group — Online

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.**

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 "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" Bob Hudson

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
Bless God's holy name.
God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.
Bless God's holy name.

***OPENING HYMN** No. 664 "Morning Has Broken"

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Yet even as we depend on your mercy, we fail to extend such mercy to others. We hold onto old grudges, we count up the sins of others, and seek to settle the score.

Gracious God, forgive us, and open our hearts to forgive one another. Pour out your grace upon us, and let it overflow into the lives of others. Let your church be a living sign of your reconciling love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

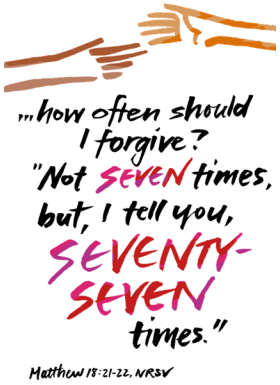
We are forgiven – not just seven times, or seventy-seven times, or even seventy times seven, but over and over and always.
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

MUSICAL MEDITATION "May the Peace of the Lord" Douglas Wagner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"
22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.
29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'
30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.
32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.
35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

SERMON **"70 x 7"** Rev. Christin Moreland

HYMN OF MEDITATION
No. 444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "This Little Light of Mine" arr. M. Hayes

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** No. 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
No. 771 "What Is the World Like", v 5
These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

***POSTLUDE** "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arr. M. Hayes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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?*

ALERT!! THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT ATTEMPTS — by scammers attempting to impersonate the Pastor, asking for GIFT CARDS.
Do not reply, REPORT if you are able and do NOT give them any information.

PARMA-SOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EXPLORE PARMA-SOUTH

OUR BUILDING. WHAT COULD HAPPEN HERE?

BUILDING TOURS AFTER WORSHIP

Meet in the gym near the stage around 11:00a.m..

SEPT 13	SEPT 20	SEPT 27	OCT 4

HELP US IMAGINE SOMETHING BIG

Parma-South is progressing through the Building for Hope process and seeking bold, sustainable programs that use our building **to meet community needs.**

Tour the upstairs offices, education wing and huge third-floor with Building for Hope guides.

Third-floor room accessible only by stairs.

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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