



# PALM SUNDAY

*Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

Rev. Christin Moreland, **Pastor**

Mike Dory, **Lay Reader**

Chris Venesile, **Music Director**

Laurie Archibald, **Organist/Pianist**

Chris Kurka, **A/V Coordinator**

**April 13, 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**

**“Love Medley”**

**arr. M. Ham**

**Call to Worship**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will be people of courage in it!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us enter God’s gates with bold hope and thanksgiving.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Nº. 197**

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

*Processional of Palms*

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hear the promise of the Lord:

When you call on me, I will answer;

I will satisfy you with life and show you my saving love.

This is the good news of God’s reconciling love:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri Nº. 581**

**Choral Anthem**

**“Must Jesus Bear the Cross”**

**arr. J. Martin**

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scriptures

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

## \*Passing of the Peace

## SERMON

“Letting Go of Control”

## Hymn of Meditation

No. 198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

## 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

“Meditation for Holy Week”

arr. R. Loree

## \*Doxology No. 606

## Prayer of Dedication

## \*Closing Hymn

No. 200 “A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Croud”

## \*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

“O Hail Thee Festival Day”

arr. H. Livingston

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# Parma-South

## Presbyterian Church USA

### HOLY WEEK at PARMA-SOUTH



#### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM — Coffee Hour—Dining Room

2:45 PM — Life Group—Online

#### **Monday, April 14**

**DEADLINE for Easter Luncheon Reservations**

7:00 PM — Life Group Meeting — Parlor

#### **Tuesday, April 15**

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

7:00 PM Scout Troop 263 — Social Hall

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

6:30 PM — Grief Group — Online

7:00 PM—Maundy Thursday Service—Sanctuary

#### **Friday, April 18**

7:00 PM— Good Friday Tenebrae Service— Sanctuary



"An Easter bonnet? I thought you were Lady Gaga."

NO COFFEE HOUR ON EASTER SUNDAY

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

**11:00 AM — Easter Luncheon— Dining Room**

2:45 PM — Life Group—Online

#### **Monday, April 21**

Church Offices Closed for EASTER

MONDAY

7:00 PM — Life Group Meeting — Parlor

# 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!

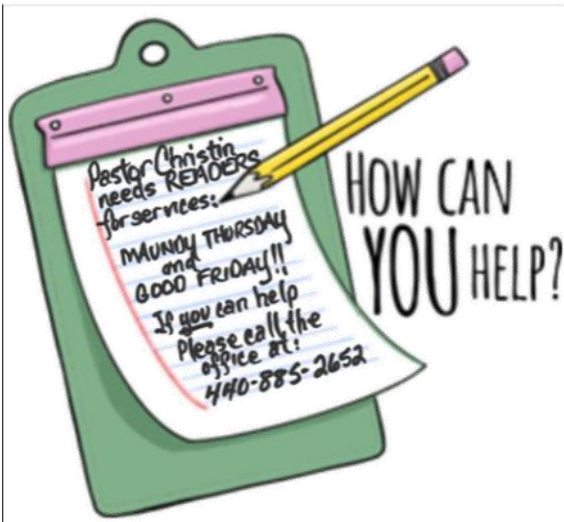


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Please sign up at  
the HOLY COMMUNI-CATION table  
located in the narthex if you plan to attend and also if  
you will be bringing a dish to share.

NOTE: Due to the Easter Luncheon, there will not be  
a Coffee Hour.

# 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 (surgery next week)

Arline Ferencz (Pam Murowski's mother) who went into hospice this week

Megan Severson - continued cancer treatment

Family of Malcolm Shields, who passed March 30

**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](mailto: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](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org).**

# What is a General Assembly?



It is the one place where the whole church gathers. Commissioners and youth from every presbytery are in attendance. Representative students from the seminaries, ecumenical partners from all over the world, and mission co-workers participate as advisory delegates. Thousands more gather as observers or supporters.

They are there to worship, and also to do business. Ideas which may have begun at local churches' session meetings pass through presbyteries to become Assembly business as overtures. There are Moderators to elect and mission initiatives to form. The larger church can adopt statements which speak to the church, and sometimes to those outside the church, about issues of theology, justice, and peacemaking. Everyone's voice is valued, every part of the church is brought into the light of the Spirit, and together the people seek to discern the will of Christ.

Although many PC(USA) ministries are eventually supported through other funding streams, all ministries undertaken in the name of the denomination grow out of decisions made by the General Assembly. When you read stories of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance out in the field or pick up a Glory to God hymnal, you are experiencing the work of an Assembly. When pastors are trained and ruling elders study the Book of Order, they are resourced by the work of an Assembly. When a mission co-worker enters a new field or a Young Adult Volunteer holds the hand of a hungry child, they are continuing the work of an Assembly.

This is the General Assembly. This is your per capita at work.



## Tom Hay

*Tom Hay has recently retired after serving for ten years as Director of Assembly Operations.*

## Per Capita

Per capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly (*Book of Order*, G-3.0106), and by many synods and presbyteries, to enable Presbyterians mutually and equitably to share the ecclesiastical and administrative costs of sustaining our witness to Christ through the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2020, the General Assembly portion of per capita is \$8.95.

**The 2025 PERCAPITA for Parma-South within the Presbytery of the Western Reserve is \$40.00 per active member.**





# 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).