

## THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### SILENT MEDITATION

“Imagine choosing a job not on money or even on career advancement, but as part of a life worth living.” Dale Dauten

### GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

**PRELUDE** *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

**INTROIT** *Come, Let Us Sing* M.K. Beall

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Sue Murphy

LEADER: We are held in the arms of grace,

**PEOPLE: Supported by a compassionate friend,**

LEADER: Uplifted on the wings of hope,

**PEOPLE: Sustained by the words of prayer,**

LEADER: Aided by a mysterious presence,

**PEOPLE: Cared for in surprising ways.**

**ALL: So let us sing our praise and live our gratitude.**

+\*HYMN #2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

**Gracious Lord, you have set before us the path of life. It is a good path, the right path, the blessed path. But, we keep choosing the path of death as though it is the better deal.**

**Our hearts turn from you and we bow down to the gods of this world. What a foolish people we are! Forgive us for our rebellion. Return us to your side and hold us fast in your loving hands. Grant us courage to follow you all the days of our lives that we might truly live. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

## Announcements

**Coffee Hour:** A reminder that there is no coffee hour on Messy Church Sundays, which is this evening!

**Messy Church:** Messy Church resumes TODAY at 4:00 PM. Our theme for the evening will be Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones. We will think about how God can Breathe new life into us and our situations. All are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship, crafts, worship and dinner!

**Sledding Party:** Grab your gloves, hat and sled and join us for our Annual Day of Sled Riding on February 19<sup>th</sup> - weather permitting! The location will be announced during Worship that morning so the safest place can be determined per the weather.

**Food Sunday:** Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> is Food Sunday. On this day, our Mission Team will accept donations of snack bars, snack packs, granola bars, pudding snack packs (non-refrigerated), crackers, cookies, etc. When you are in the grocery store next time, could you pick up an extra one of two of these items to share? Bring them in on February 26<sup>th</sup> and place them in the clear tub outside of the Custodian's room. Thank you for your continued support!

**Congregational Meeting:** Please join us after the Worship Service on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for our annual Congregational Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to stay, read the report, and participate as appropriate. Come find out what has been going on during the year!

**Lenten Study – The Apostle's Creed**

During Lent, Rev. Mark will conduct a 6-week study on the Apostle's Creed using Adam Hamilton's book called, "*Creed.*" There will be two study groups offered:

Mon Evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parlor March 6 – April 10

Fri Mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parlor March 3 – April 7

Sign up sheet in Narthex and Church Office.

## Calendar of the Week

### Sunday, February 12

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

4:00 PM – Messy Church

### Monday, February 13

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Deborah Circle - Parlor

7:00 PM – Life Groups – Parlor

### Tuesday, February 14

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling - Brookgate Lanes

10:00 AM – Ruth-Naomi Circle - Legacy

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Gym

### Wednesday, February 15

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:00 AM – Life Groups – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf. Room

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

7:00 PM – Session - Parlor

### Thursday, February 16

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling – Brookgate Lanes

9:30 AM – Parma-South Quilters

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Choir Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

7:00 PM – Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

### Sunday, February 19

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *For Where Love Is, There Is God* D. Wagner

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #64 *I Long for Your Commandments*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:33-40 O.T. 567

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 O.T. 186

SERMON “Directionally Challenged”

\*HYMN #410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* GTG 547

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE *You Are My All in All* N. Nordeman

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**Ushers:** Mary Ellen Bechler, Bill Brown, Walt Burgdorf,  
Norma Fink, Nancy and Tony Indovina,  
Donna Loeb, Mary Walker

**The Sanctuary Flowers are placed In Loving Memory of:**  
*Edmund Balph* by Bill and Donna Loeb

**The Memorial Carillon** is played this week in memory of:  
Martin Bowman  
Barbara Abbott

\*Those who are able, please stand  
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers

## “Directionally Challenged”

February 12, 2017 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Life Group Study Guide

### Notes from Worship Service

1. Honestly, we have all had our own directionally challenged incidents. Unfortunately, life doesn’t always come with a clear roadmap. We are all faced with uncertainties. It’s part of the human experience.
2. Perhaps that’s why we get stuck sometimes. We know our choices have consequences, so we are afraid to make a choice, especially in situations where we don’t know the outcome.
3. In his farewell address, Moses gives some clear outcomes to the choice before the people. “See I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.”
4. Blessings – denotes the power of life to expand and flourish in all ways. Curses – is a complete deprivation of blessing and means enfeeblement.
5. Moses gives the people a primary choice upon which everything else in their lives depended.

### Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Tell a story about a recent decision you made. What was your thinking process?
3. Can you remember a time when you chose the path of God? What were the circumstances?

### Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20

4. What speaks to you in this scripture passage? What does it say about your faith?
5. What actions in your life demonstrate that you are loving the Lord your God, obeying him and holding fast to him?
6. How are you reflecting the love of Christ this week?

**Life Practice – Write down some directions you are seeking in your life. Pay attention to how is God is guiding you in scripture, prayer and other believers. Share with your group.**

# Parma-South Presbyterian Church

*Changing lives through Christ*



**February 12, 2017**

### 2017 Theme Verse

“But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

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