

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SILENT MEDITATION

“It is said that there are three ways to get something done. First, do it yourself. Second, hire someone to do it. Third, forbid your kids to do it.”

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Alleluia* arr. by Mark Hayes

INTROIT *Blessed Jesus at Your Word* R. Summers

CALL TO WORSHIP Renea Schomer

LEADER: Lent is a time to find our way out of the sin that chokes us.

PEOPLE: Lent is a time to find our way out of the cycles of brokenness that spin us dizzy.

LEADER: Lent is a time to find our way out of the stranglehold of dysfunction that paralyzes us.

PEOPLE: Lent is a time to find our way out of the desert wilderness in which we find ourselves utterly lost.

LEADER: Lent is a time to find our way home.

PEOPLE: Welcome home.

+*HYMN #26 *Earth and All Stars!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord God, we come before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Remind us to be who you would have us be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to you and build our relationship with you and with others. Amen.

Announcements

New Life Group: Starting today we will have an additional Life Group starting up that will meet Sundays from 11:30 – 12:30 after church. This group will allow you to socialize and have coffee before the group begins, but not too late so you can go to lunch with your family. We will meet in the Parlor. Our first six weeks will focus on the book CREED by Adam Hamilton.

New Date for Movie Matinee: The New Wilmington Mission Conference Youth will be hosting a movie matinee in the Gym following the service on **Sunday, March 19th**.

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

Season of Justice Weekend: The Hunger Action Network, the Self Development of People and the Race Action Network of the Presbytery of Western Reserve is sponsoring a four day workshop called a **Season of Justice** beginning March 24. The details of the weekend’s schedule can be found in the March edition of Tidings.

FYI: Our committees and the Chairperson leading them!

Committee	Chairperson
Worship	Renea Schomer
Mission/Evangelism/ Social Justice	Dick Cooper
Property	Terry Tashler
Finance	Richard Pedersen
Discipleship	Pam Nash
Fellowship	Robyn Bryson
Clerk of Session	Ruth Fay
Care Team	Fran Marvel

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12, remember to set your clocks ahead on Saturday evening!

Rev. Mark will be on vacation from March 11 – 18th. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Allen Lane.

Gifts of Women Sunday is March 26th. Our guest preacher will be Sandy Seaton-Todd.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, March 5 Communion Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour

11:30 AM – Life Group - Parlor

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

Monday, March 7

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

7:00 PM – Life Group/Lenten Study – Parlor

7:00 PM – Mission Team - PMR

Tuesday, March 7

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

11:00 AM – Caring Team - Parlor

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, March 8

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:00 AM – Life Group/Lenten Study – 2nd Floor

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

11:00 AM – Book Review Group - Parlor

Thursday, March 9

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

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Choir Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

7:00 PM – Boys Basketball Practice – Gym

Friday, March 10

10:00 AM – Lenten Study: The Apostle’s Creed – Parlor

Saturday, March 11

3:00 PM – Rental Use in Dining Room

Sunday, March 12 [Daylight Savings Time]

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

4:00 PM – Messy Church

* * * * *

Today’s Ushers: Ann Kasner, Carol Werner, Judy Martin, Kathy Zietlow, Mali Beyer

Chancel Flowers are placed “In Loving Memory” of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lahut by Ginny Swift

Mr. and Mrs. Raynal Bagwell

and Joan Summa by John Summa

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of:

Marilyn Weiss

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cubbison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We, who do not know all there is to know about God, do know this about his attitude toward us: that he loves us, forgives us, and acts to save us.

People: This we know through Jesus Christ, in whose name we receive all that we asked in his name!

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Sing Praise to the Lord* arr. H. Hopson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:12-21 N.T. 156

SERMON "The Best Gifts in Life..."

***HYMN #518** *Your Only Son*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and Reception of Elements

***HYMN #838** *Standing on the Promises*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace GTG 545

Lord, bid your servant go in peace;

Your word is now fulfilled.

These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,

This child so long foretold.

POSTLUDE *Psalm*

by Unknown

"The Best Gifts in Life..."

March 5, 2017 Romans 5:12-21

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. Ultimately, Paul is explaining to us the importance of Christ Jesus. But in order to understand Jesus we need to understand where we are in sin.
2. When Paul speaks of sin here he's talking about a state of being, in particular, a state of being in rebellion or at odds with God.
3. What does matter is we accept the universality of sin, which means the whole human race, holds this sin state in common.
4. The third idea Paul has about sin is we need to take it seriously, deadly seriously.
5. The fourth problem with sin is we become subhuman – lose our sensitivity to God and others, allow our baser functions to control us and sadly, we can't cure ourselves.
6. Grace is God reaching out to us to heal and restore humanity.
 - a. Grace is a free gift.
 - b. Grace bridges the gap between us and God.
 - c. Grace is greater than sin because it brings new life.

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. Name some ways we are connected as a community? How do our individual actions impact our community?
3. How do you define sin?

Read Romans 5:12-21

4. List the differences between Adam and Jesus in the passage.
5. What is so great about Grace? How is it active in your life?
6. What are some ways God might have greater dominion in your life?

Life Practice – Take some time for confession each day. End that time by receiving God's grace.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



**First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 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

Parma-South Presbyterian Church
6155 Pearl Road
Parma Heights, OH 44130
440-885-2652
www.parma-south.org

*Those who are able, please stand

+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers