

## SILENT MEDITATION

“We are made for community. Since the beginning of time people have formed themselves into clans and tribes. Your identity comes from community. You cannot find your identity in isolation. Your esteem grows in community. Accomplishment occurs through community. The acronym for the word “team” is together everyone accomplishes more. From the time we are little, we try to find a group into which we can fit. This group must offer acceptance and also allow us to participate in a significant way.” — Mike Slaughter

## GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

**PRELUDE** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. A. Sherman  
(Carillon Choir)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Sunday School Youth

**LEADER:** Come Holy Spirit, come.

**PEOPLE:** **Come as the fire and burn,**

**LEADER:** Come as the wind and cleanse,

**PEOPLE:** **Come as the light and reveal,**

**LEADER:** Convict, convert, consecrate,

**PEOPLE:** **And make us glad in thy service.** -Nels Ferre

+\*HYMN #321 *The Church's One Foundation* vs. 1, 2 & 5

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## +\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have laid out your intentions for us, your beloved community. You call us to bear one another's burdens, sharing our gifts and treasure with one another. Forgive us when we hoard what we have; forgive us when we cling to our possessions and call them “ours.” Help us to be signs of your grace for one another. When we cling to our belongings as our security, give us hearts ready to share. When our life together feels mundane, renew our excitement at serving one another. Helps us to marvel in the power of the Spirit, which makes our transformation possible. We know we can be changed this day, O God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

## Announcements

**Walk for Hunger** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Participants will meet at the Great Lakes Science Center at 9:00 AM. Come help make a difference in our community. For those unable to join us, please consider making a donation to help support this great cause.

**Mother's Day:** On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Mother's Day at our 10 AM worship service. Come and join us as we remember and give thanks to all the women who have blessed us with their love, compassion and examples of faith. The Presbyterian Women will also accept the Birthday Offering. This offering is received in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women.

**Messy Church:** Our last Messy Church for the spring season will be Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. We moved it to the third Sunday to avoid Mother's Day celebrations. This will be the last Messy Church session until fall.

**Memorial Day:** On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM we will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year of hosting a community Memorial Day Service and parade. This is a very special occasion! To celebrate it, we will have some special guests along with our regular participants. Our own JuBellation youth hand bell choir will be there to share a few rings. It is important to have a good representation of our congregation. Please show Parma Heights we care about our community and especially our Veterans!

**Strawberry Festival:** MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Parma-South's annual Strawberry Festival and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> following Morning Worship at 10:00 AM. Proceeds from the Bake Sale support the Caring Team in its work with our shut-in members. The Festival proceeds as used by the Fellowship Team for support of church programs.

**Tidings:** For those of you who choose to pick up your copy of the Tidings at church, the May edition of *Tidings* is now available in the Narthex, Workroom and the Library for your convenience. Copies also can be found online: [www.parma-south.org](http://www.parma-south.org)

**Seeds of Literacy:** If you want to volunteer in helping adults who are trying to improve their opportunities in life by obtaining a GED high school diploma, call the Volunteer Coordinator, Alexandria Marshall, at 216-661-7950 x115. The west side location is at W. 25th and Clark. Volunteer hours are very flexible. You usually work with people on math or grammar, and they give you the answers! Teachers and non-teachers are welcome.

**Prayer List:** A list of people who are in the hospital, etc. who could use your prayers, is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## Calendar of the Week

### Sunday, May 7 Communion Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Youth Bake Sale

11:30 AM – Life Group – Parlor

### Monday, May 8

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Deborah Circle - Parlor

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

### Tuesday, May 9

10:00 AM – Ruth Naomi Circle - Parlor

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – MPR

### Wednesday, May 10

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:00 AM – Life Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

11:00 AM – Book Review Club - Parlor

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

### Thursday, May 11

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

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 13

9:00 AM – Walk for Hunger – Great Lakes Science Center

### Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour

11:30 AM – Life Group – Parlor

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**Today's Ushers:** Dakota Adam, Austin Csuti, Emma Diedrich, Logan Diedrich, Mary Diedrich, Scott Diedrich, Dakota Reinhart

**The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of:**

*Marilyn Weiss*

*Laverne Mackert*

**Chancel Flowers In Loving Memory of:**

*Mr. and Mrs. Merril Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burgdorf, Sr.*  
placed by: Walt and Sheryl Burgdorf

*My Mother, Mrs. Opal Fay* placed by: Ruth Fay

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Prayer for Partnership*

T. Mitchell

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 2:42-47

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**SERMON** "Family Time"

\***HYMN #506** *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

## 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 #550** *Give Praise to the Lord*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go to the World!*

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Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** *Cares Chorus*

K. Williard

## "FAMILY TIME"

May 7, 2017 Acts 2:42-47

**Life Group Study Guide**

## Notes from Worship Service

1. Regardless of the reality of the ideal church picture, Luke does describe some great qualities of a healthy congregation; things worth paying attention to if we want to be vital today.
2. **They met together, a lot;** to eat, to pray, to worship, to share and to learn, daily.
3. **They were generous.** The church is not to imitate the accumulation, excess and selfishness of the world. We are called to transform lives through acts of kindness and develop the community around us.
4. **They were winsome.** People wanted to be around them, be like them and were drawn to the quality of their fellowship. They had a contagious love.
5. **They were Spiritual Mature.** Jesus desires a church that is rooted in prayer and contemplation because our life flows from God.

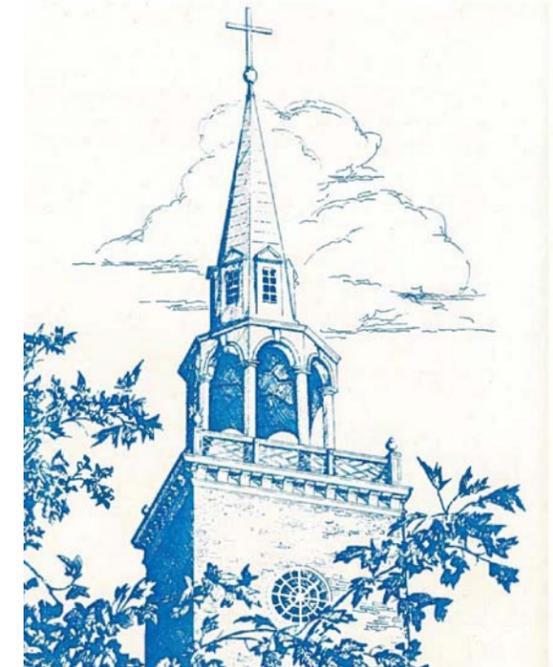
## Life Group Homework

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. What is one of your favorite "good ole day" memories?
3. What good memory are you creating today?
4. What are 5-6 purposes of the church, as reflected in this passage? How are you participating in each?
5. Reflect on verses 44 & 45. How might we practice generosity today?
6. How does your life group compare to the early church experience?

**Life Practice – Break bread with another church member sometime this week. (Someone outside your Life Group!) Use the time to get to know each other better.**

# Parma-South Presbyterian Church

*Changing lives through Christ*



**May 7, 2017  
Communion Sunday**

## 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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