

Happy Mother's Day!

SILENT MEDITATION

“Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” T.S. Eliot

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Deep River* arr. J. Raney

INTROIT *Awake My Soul* R. Summers

CALL TO WORSHIP John Lahl

Leader: Great Healer and Savior, send your power upon this church.

People: Touch our brokenness and lift us out of our routines.

Leader: Walk with us on the paths of fear, so that we might know faith and courage.

People: Wipe from us tears of sorrow and show us the joy of new opportunities.

All: Now together let us sing and give thanks and be filled with the wondrous Spirit of God.

+*HYMN #69 *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of all creation, we are ever thankful that you are near to us in prayer. Grace us with your presence that we might be still and know that you are God. In these moments of prayer, we offer our gratitude for our families and friends and friends who are family. Especially this day do we thank you for the women in our lives: our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts. We thank you for teachers and mentors and youth leaders; for scout leaders and Sunday School teachers and choir directors. For all the women in our lives who have nurtured us and loved us, strengthened us and sustained us, for the women we name in our hearts, we thank you. Make us worthy of their faithful love and belief in us, we pray: and help us to so love others. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Announcements

Mother's Day: Today 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.

Church Women United will be hosting our annual **Pot-Luck Luncheon** on May 19 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Brecksville. The speaker will present her talk "*A Pink Cloud Over The Vatican*". This event begins at noon and we are asked to bring a \$3.00 donation and a salad to share. Ladies interested please contact Fran Marvel at 440-888-0424

Life Group Picnic – We celebrate everyone who has participated in the Life Groups of our church during this past year. We especially thank our Leaders – Bob Schomer, Jack Lahl and Susan Rhee. Next Sunday, May 21 we will celebrate our fellowship together with a closing picnic to be held in the church dining room. All Life Group members are welcome. We will begin at 11:30 AM.

Messy Church: The Team decided to CANCEL this month's Messy Church. Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped during the past year.

Church Garden: We are always looking for ways to involve more people and bless those around us. This year the Mission Garden Team would like to “rent” some of the garden boxes to members of the congregation. The agreement would mean you take care of your box and you donate 10% of the produce to the Parma Heights Food Pantry and you give 10% away to a neighbor, friend, family or even a fellow church member. The rental cost of a whole box is \$25. If you are interested please see Pam Wilkins, Tony Indovina or Rev. Mark.

At least two of the boxes are reserved exclusively for the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Planting day will be Saturday, May 27 beginning at 10:30 AM. There will be a watering and harvesting schedule on the Narthex bulletin board for volunteers to sign up. Thanks for your support.

Annual Tea Party: Saturday, May 27th at Noon in the Dining Room, the Parma-South Presbyterian Women will be holding their annual tea party. Please bring tea sandwiches on Pepperidge farm bread with no crusts! While we dine, Kathy Kraus will be doing a demonstration of painting a picture from scratch. This should be a fun meeting. Please join us. If you have any questions, please speak with Amy Schwartz at 216-524-4975.

Memorial Day: On Monday, May 29th at 9:30 AM we will celebrate the 150th 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 11th 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.

Love Inc Golf Outing - On Monday, June 26, Love INC is sponsoring a golf fund raising tournament at the Pine Hills Golf Club. Sign-in begins at 8:00 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:00AM. The cost is \$100 per person which includes 18 holes, riding cart, breakfast, lunch at the turn and a steak dinner. If you would like to form a foursome, let either Dick Cooper or Rev. Mark know and they will get you signed up. The proceeds of this event fund the crisis fund.

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.

Coffee Hour: We will resume coffee hour after the service after Labor Day. Enjoy your summer!

Door Alarm: Just a note the door is open when the GREEN Light is on. Even though the handle may be locked the door will open if you pull it.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *The Cross*

C. Courtney

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:15-22 O.T. p.241

SERMON "Who's Your People?"

*HYMN #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go to the World!

GTG 295

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 *You Are My Hiding Place* M. Ledner

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Today's Ushers: Bill Brown, Walt Burgdorf, Tony Indovina,
Ron Shaffer, Glenn Hess, Dwain Best, Fred Ells, Jim Topor

"WHO'S YOUR PEOPLE"

May 14, 2017 Ruth 1:15-22

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. No matter what the reason is, looking up your ancestry is a quest to know who your people are.
2. We honor our mothers this day because it takes commitment to be a mother. Motherhood consumes our time, our efforts, our prayers, our thoughts and our love.
3. Just as motherhood is a commitment and Ruth demonstrates a commitment to Naomi, so does our faith call us to such commitment to follow Jesus Christ.
4. I can't help but wonder if Naomi went back home to die with her people. All seems lost; except someone is standing with Naomi and that someone is Ruth. Ruth stands in the gap between life and death, past and future, to care, to provide and to love Naomi.
5. It takes great faith to be a mother. It means not knowing the future of your children but risking all for them anyway.
6. The hand of God is seen in every situation, in times of grief as well as joy, working to set up the birth of David.

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 brief story about one of your ancestors?
3. Name some reasons for the importance of knowing who your people are?

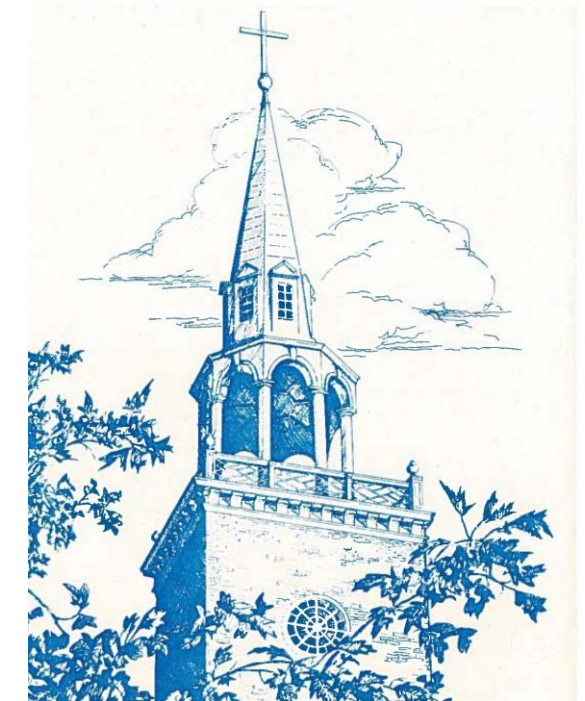
Read Ruth 1:1-22

4. Who is the main character in this story? Why do you think so?
5. There are three speeches in this section. Which one would best describe where you are "at"? Tell us the context for your answer.
6. Like Ruth, what step of faith is God calling you to?

Life Practice – List the people in your life. What kind of commitment do you have to each? Pray for each and ask where God might be working with them through you.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



May 14, 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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*Those who are able, please stand

+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, May 14

- 10:00 AM – Worship Service
- 11:30 AM – Life Group – Parlor

Monday, May 15

- 9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
- 7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, May 16

- 8:30 AM – Men’s Bowling – Brookgate Lanes
- 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – MPR

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
- 10:00 AM – Life Group – 2nd Floor
- 10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR
- 7:00 PM – Session – Dining Room
- 7:00 PM – Parma Hts. Historical Society - MPR

Thursday, May 18

- 8:30 AM – Men’s Bowling – Brookgate Lanes
- 9:30 AM – Parma-South Quilters – Fay/Werner home
- 6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Room
- 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM – Cub Scout recruitment – Dining Room

Friday, May 19

- 6:30 PM – Ukrainian Academy Graduation – Gym

Sunday, May 21

- 10:00 AM – Worship Service
- 11:30 AM – Life Group Potluck – Dining Room

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The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of:

Maxine Abbott
Fred Heise

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Maxine Abbott by Nancy and Robert Abbott
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Ells, Jr. by Fred and Darlene Ells
My Mother, Libbie Lahut by Ginny Swift
Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Salisbury by The Richard Salisbury Family

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