

SILENT MEDITATION

“Hope is like yeast, you know, rising under warmth” - Leif Enger

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune*

J. Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Fay

Leader: We believe in the coming of the kingdom of God.

People: It is a kingdom that will have no end.

Leader: It is a kingdom in which God's purposes will be fully realized.

People: It is a kingdom that has already begun.

Leader: It is marked by small acts of kindness, love and generosity.

People: It is hidden, quiet and works in ways we often do not recognize.

Leader: This kingdom will reunite what has been separated and restore what has been broken.

People: We pray for this kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

+*HYMN #393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Prayer

In the stillness of this sacred space, let us give attention to the week gone by. How have we used our time? How could we have chosen better? Let us come into this time of prayer with honesty as we acknowledge where we have been and get a glimpse of where we might be.

Prayer of Confession

As I sit in the stillness and contemplate my use of time, I realize what ridiculous choices I have made recently, loving God. I chose to read the news when a child I love asked me to read a story. I chose to eat Fritos rather than fruit. I chose to work late instead of leaving work in time to get home for our family dinner. I chose to make business calls instead of playing "Uno" with my kids. I chose to clean the house instead of helping my daughter with her homework. I chose to watch television instead of taking a walk with my spouse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members: We are excited and blessed to receive 4 more new members this morning. Our four new members are from Cameroon. They have a variety of gifts, a heart for God and are Presbyterian. Please welcome into our fellowship:

Lydia Ndasi

Godlove Mbah

Mary Ewokolo Molua

Thomas Kine Molua

Church Calendar: It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we need to gear up for a busy fall season! Please be sure to let Vickie know when your Church Meetings/Groups will begin to meet. Include the day(s) and time(s) of your meetings. Where appropriate, she will have the exterior door that leads to the office automatically unlock 15 minutes before your meeting begins and then lock 15 minutes after it begins.

Coffee with The Word - An exciting new program has been created for all the women of our church and community, no matter their faith background. This ministry will focus on the life changing power of the Word for our lives.

Our gatherings will be held every other month in the dining room and we will be provided with coffee, tea and various treats. We begin Saturday, September 23 from 11 AM until 1 PM.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Word and build fellowship with women. Please invite all your female relatives, friends and neighbors. I look forward to a wonderful time! - Fran Marvel

The Personnel Team is currently working on a **Manual of Operations for Parma-South**. The purpose for this Manual is to have a document that includes all information required to keep Parma-South running smoothly. As part of this project, the Team needs your help. We want to include detailed instructions on all recurring events and projects done within the Church – things like Tidings, Vacation Bible School, etc. If you execute any event or project, please forward the instructions to Mary Sue Murphy at mmsgrandma@gmail.com or put in the Personnel Team mailbox in the workroom. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know. Thank you.

Tidings: The September edition of TIDINGS is available in the Narthex, Workroom and the Library for your convenience. Copies also can be found online: www.parma-south.org.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 27

10:00 AM –Worship Service

11:30 AM – Presbyterian Women - Parlor

Monday, August 28

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

Tuesday, August 29

8:45 AM – Men's Bowling – Freeway Lanes

Wednesday, August 30

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, August 31

8:45 AM – Men's Bowling – Freeway Lanes

6:00 PM – Nominating Committee – 2nd Floor

Sunday, September 3

10:00 AM –Worship Service

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

BUILDING & OFFICES CLOSED

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The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Janice Kay Petruska

Al and Lena Weiss

Ed and Greta Taano

Marv and Peg Taano

Gene and Ruth Taano

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lahut by Virginia Swift

Upcoming September Events:

Saturday, September 9 Men's Square

Sunday, September 10 Youth Sunday and Corn Roast

Monday, September 11 Life Groups resume

Sunday, September 17 Messy Church resumes

Saturday, September 23 Inaugural meeting of *Coffee with "The Word"*

I know, O God, that these are such little things in the scheme of life; and yet, it is in the minutiae of life that our days are made. Turn me around, Lord, so that I put people above things, loved ones above work and healthy choices above junk food and sitting. Help me to live my life according to what I really value.

Assurance of pardon

The God who loves us into life hears our prayers, forgives our shortcomings and urges us always to follow in the footsteps of his beloved Son, in whose image we are made. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fran Marvel

CHILDREN'S CHAT

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Sing unto the Lord* Chancel Choir Women

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #159** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:1-12 N.T. page 17

SERMON "Looking for a sign"

***HYMN #182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Our God Is An Awesome God #616

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.

POSTLUDE *Deep River* arr. J. Raney

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Today's Ushers: Dwain Best, Darlene and Fred Ells,
Gina Hansen, Jim and Linda Topor,
Katherine Koltoff

"LOOKING FOR A SIGN"
August 27, 2017 Matthew 16:1-12
Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. Some signs are more important than others. There are times in life when we want a sign from God. We want God to speak to us and tell us which direction to take.
2. I believe the reason Christ's refusal to produce is their hearts were in the wrong place. The religious leaders weren't really looking for a sign but for a way to either discredit or get rid of Jesus.
3. When Jesus does exercise his heavenly power he does it out of love and to glorify God, not for self-gratification, validation or security.
4. The sign of Jonah was being the barer of God's message to a lost people, the means of salvation. What greater message and means of salvation is there than Jesus?
5. To see Jesus and God's signs requires us to act in faith. We need to walk with Jesus, to have fellowship with him and other travelers and then we will catch the signs along the way.
6. What Jesus needs are people who will seek him, love him, trust him, follow him and serve him. When we do this, we will become living signs to the world that the Kingdom of God has come.

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 your favorite sign to see?
3. Tell about a time you experienced God's guidance?

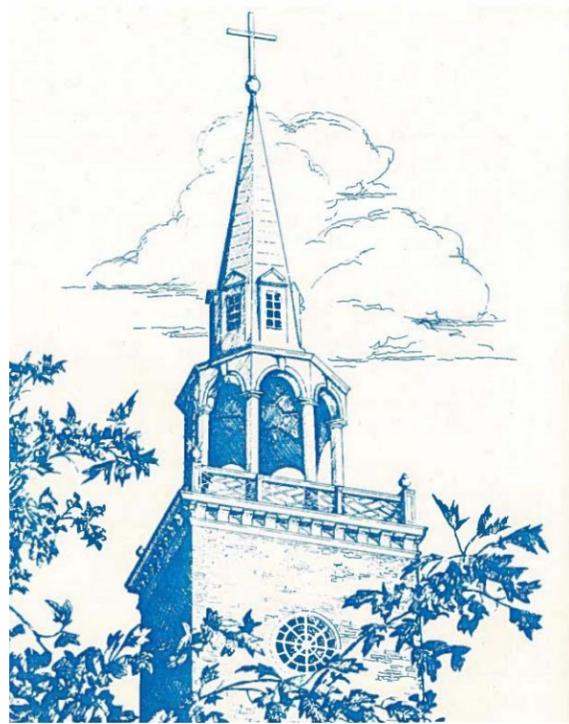
Read Matthew 16:1-12

4. What might be some principles for spiritual sign reading and asking?
5. What are the signs of our times? How might they be different or the same from other times?
6. What would you like to ask God?

Life Practice: Draw or create a sign this week to remind you something about your faith in Christ. Place it somewhere you will see it often.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



August 27, 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