## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 1, 2017

#### SILENT MEDITATION

"Advertising is the art of convincing people to spend money they don't have for something they don't need." Will Rogers

#### GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

**PRELUDE** Praeludium in F Major BWV 927 by J. S. Bach

**INTROIT** God and God Alone

J. Raney

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pam Nash

- L: O Lord our God, you are wise;P: You know our thoughts before we reveal them to you.
- L: O Lord our God, you are compassionate;
- P: You know our joys and fears before we name them to you.
- L: O Lord our God, you are just;
- P: You offer us mercy while we cringe at the expectation of judgment and punishment.
- L: O Lord our God, you welcome every one of us;
- P: In spite of our weaknesses, our failures, our doubts, you invite each one of us into your presence.

ALL: We praise you and humble ourselves before you, O Lord our God!

+\*HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### +\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Great God, we bring ourselves before you, just as we are -- broken, sinful, weak. We confess that we are fickle people -- saying one thing and doing another. Forgive us, for we have sinned. We say that we want to follow you, but we turn around and walk the other way. We say that we love you and yet we do not love our brothers and sisters. But, you are gracious, compassionate and slow to anger. For this we humbly thank you. We know that you are here, ready to hear our prayer of confession and to help us to turn from our sinfulness. Again and again you forgive. Thank you for not treating us as our sins deserve. For your love and forgiveness, we worship you now. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S CHAT

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

World Communion Sunday: Today is World Communion Sunday, when we share the Lord's Supper with Christians all around the world. This event is a sign of our oneness in Christ Jesus.

Another way we celebrate this day is by receiving the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This is one of the four main offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

## Stewardship

During the month of October we will focus on how we respond to God through the faithful use of our time, talent and financial resources. You will receive a Stewardship packet in the mail in early October. It will have a cover letter, a Stewardship Brochure, a financial pledge sheet and a talent-time pledge sheet. We will receive and consecrate our financial pledges on Sunday, October 22. Our youth will provide a light lunch following the service on that date. The talent-time pledge sheet is to be received on Sunday, October 29. Thank you, one and all, for your faithful giving and service to God's Kingdom.

Love INC is hosting their annual banquet on Friday October 6th from 7-9:00 at Mt. Zion Church, One Mt. Zion Circle Oakwood Village 44146. Our guest Speaker is Wayne Dawson from Fox8. Come and hear firsthand how needs are being met and lives are being transformed. The Dinner is FREE but reservations are required. Please call 216-459-0302 or e mail us at <a href="mailto:tracye@loveinccuy.org">tracye@loveinccuy.org</a>.

Love INC's Annual Coat Collection: It's that time of the year... Time to clean out those closets and donate your new or gently worn coats and jackets to Love In the Name of Christ. (If purchasing coats please purchase XX and larger). We are asking you to bring your coat to church during the first FOUR Sundays of October. Thank you for partnering with us.

#### CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, October 1 World Communion Sunday

10:00 AM –Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Room

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

## Monday, October 2

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

## Tuesday, October 3

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

11:00 AM – Caring Team – Parlor

7:00 PM – Mission Team – MPR

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts - Gym

## Wednesday, October 4

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM - Al-Anon - MPR

3:00 PM – Life Group – 2nd floor

## Thursday, October 5

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

4:30 PM – Christian Ed Meeting - Workroom

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### Saturday, October 7

9:00 AM – Men's Square – Pappou's Restaurant

#### Sunday, October 8

10:00 AM –Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Room

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

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## The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Marilyn Weiss

Thelma Hale

Martin Bowman

## Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Loren Castor & Other Family Members by Jim and Sue Campbell

Harvey & Thelma Hale by Ken and Margaret Hale

Ernest Lee, brother of Glenn Hess who passed away on

Saturday, September 24th, 2017 in Las Vegas

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory Come Share the Lord

B. Leech

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

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All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** "The Right Way"

\*HYMN #515 I Come with Joy

### 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 #175 Seek Ye First

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

As the deer

As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

POSTLUDE Träumerei

by R. Schumann

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Today's Ushers: Ann Kasner, Carol Werner, Kathy Zietlow,

Mary Sue Murphy

#### \*Those who are able, please stand

# "THE RIGHT WAY" October 1, 2017 Matthew 21:23-32 Life Group Study Guide

## **Notes from Worship Service**

- 1. All along, the religious leaders are having some real issues with Jesus because he doesn't do anything the "**right way**". What way did Jesus show us to live out our faith?
- 2. **The Way of Integrity** This means our beliefs, thoughts, words and actions line up with the will of God. The way of integrity begins by our willingness to admit the truth that our lives are not in line with God's word.
- 3. **The Way of Peace** Peacemaking is hard work. It takes action, prayers, learning, listening, empathy, challenging those in power, making changes in our own lives, offering solutions and a willingness to forgive.
- 4. **The Way of Love** –Neither son brought full joy to the father. Why? Their hearts were not right. Neither son operated or obeyed from a heart of love.

## **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. Briefly, tell of a time you learned another way to do something.
- 3. If you could change the way your family, church or country did something, what might that be?

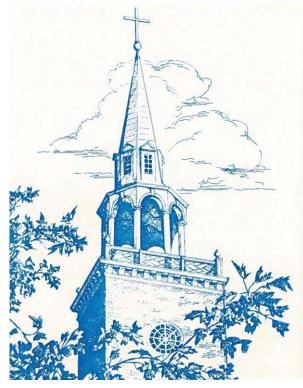
#### **Read Matthew 21:23-32**

- 4. What are some of the things Jesus is criticizing the priests for? How do we see these same shortcomings in our own lives?
- 5. Which parable son are you most like? Explain.
- 6. Of the **3 WAYS** above which do you wrestle with most? What might you do about it?

Life Practice: Find a way to practice peace among your relationships this week.

## Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



October 1, 2017 World Wide 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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<sup>+</sup>Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers