

SILENT MEDITATION

“A blind man was asked by a sympathetic woman, "Doesn't being blind rather color your life?" The blind man replied, "Yes, but thank God, I can choose the color. And since I am responsible for my life, I'm going to keep on choosing the most beautiful colors I can." What colors do you choose to see in your life?"

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Minor BWV 549* J. S. Bach

INTROIT *Our Song Shall Rise to Thee* L. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP Elaine Decker

ALL: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are weighed.

P: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

P: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts.

P: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's.

P: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness.

P: There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Piano Recital: Our organist, Greta Pasztor will be putting on her Senior Piano Recital **this evening** at 7:00 p.m. in Gamble Auditorium on the campus of Baldwin-Wallace University located at 96 Front St. in Berea with a reception to follow. It is sure to be an amazing concert!

2018 Pledge Envelopes: The 2018 contribution envelopes have been placed on a table in the Library and are available for pick up. If you would like envelopes and do not see a box with your name on it, please contact Jan Fritzsche at 440-885-2652 between the hours of 1:00-5:00 any weekday except Thursday. She will be glad to prepare one for you.

Homeless Stand Down: Saturday, January 20th is the 2018 Homeless Stand Down. For the past two years Parma-South has sent volunteers to welcome and register the guests. We are putting a team together once again. If you are interested please see Susan Rhee for the details. Our Mission Committee also gives \$1,000 for boots, a large need during the winter months.

Youth Pasta Luncheon: Please join us in the Dining Room for an all-church Rigatoni Lunch today, right after Worship. Cost is \$7, which includes pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Proceeds will help to pay for our Youth attending NWMC this summer.

Coffee with “The Word”

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 20 to attend Coffee with “The Word” from 11AM – 1PM. Fran Marvel will give a testimony referring to Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again. Rejoice.”

2018 Annual Meeting: After January 1st the push will begin for compiling the Annual Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25th. Please don't wait until the last minute to get reports written and into the office. Reports are due January 29th.

Poverty Workshop: Saturday, February 10th 9:00AM – 2:30PM. This training session provides insight and deeper understanding of the challenges that come with living in poverty. Sign up in office.

Christian Women's Mini-Retreat: Saturday, February 3rd 8 AM – 5 PM at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. See Laura Dory for questions. 216-581-9364.

Welcome: Please welcome our new Office Administrator, Karen Hildreth. Karen will be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Her email address is: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Please stop in and introduce yourself to her!

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The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of
Wilbur P. Henninger

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of
Those members who have entered into their Eternal Rest
by Fellowship Club

John H. and Mary S. Harrison by Hedra Harrison

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Youth Pasta Luncheon – Dining Room

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

1:30 PM – Session Retreat – Dining Room

Monday, January 15

9:30 AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, January 16

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling – Rollhouse Parma Bowling

10:00 AM – Historical Society Archiving – Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, January 17

9:30 AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – Multi-Purpose Room

7:00 PM – Parma Heights Historical Society – Multi-Purpose Room

7:00 PM – Session – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group - Parlor

Thursday, January 18

8:30 AM – Men's Bowling – Rollhouse Parma Bowling

9:30 AM – Parma-South Quilters – offsite

7:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

Saturday, January 20

11:00 AM – Coffee with “The Word”

Sunday, January 21

10:00 AM - Worship Service

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

4:00 PM – Messy Church

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Today's Ushers:

Maryellen Bechler, Walt Burgdorf,
Tony Indovina, Donna Loeb, and Mary Walker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Eternal God, you commit to us the swift and solemn trust of life since we do not know what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving you is ever present. May we wake to the instant claims of your holy will, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on your sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that your lost image may be traced again and that you may own us as at one with him and you. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fran Marvel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *God is My Shepherd* Pryor & Nolan

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 3:10 – 4:1 O.T. page 247

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Taking The Call”

*HYMN #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again GTG #542

God be with you till we meet again

Loving counsels guide, uphold you

With a shepherd’s care enfold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *The Rose*

A. McBroom

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“TAKING THE CALL”

January 14, 2018 I Samuel 3:10-4:1

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. In the world of the spirit, God gives all of us who follow Christ a robo call or general calling to obey. But there are times when God calls each of us to a particular task, mission or duty that is meant for our ears alone.
2. If we attempt to discern we have received a call from God there will usually be a struggle, which is in itself an indication of a call from God.
3. So how do you know it is a call from God?
 - a. **Listen** – If you want hear your call you have to be quiet, pay attention and listen to God.
 - b. **Word** – God’s call to us is going to be consistent with God’s nature, purpose and word.
 - c. **Conference Call** – Our call will involve other people in ministry and in discernment.
 - d. **Call Forwarding** – A call will lead us forward to something new.
 - e. **A Call is Hard** – Callings demand faith, sacrifice, obedience and work.

6. What’s the difference between general calling and personal calling?

Life Practice – Write out what you believe your calling is. Share it with your Life Group.

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 do you use your phone most for?
3. How do you understand the concept of God’s calling?

Read I Samuel 3:1-4:1

4. What do you think Verse 11 means for Israel?
5. How are we keeping God’s word from falling to the ground?

*Those who are able, please stand
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



January 14, 2018

2018 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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