



*Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

*Parma Heights, Ohio*

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Mike Dory, Lay Reader

Gwen Beyer, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, AV Coordinator

Carillon Choir

**May 5, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Welcome**

**The Church Life and Ministry**

**Prelude** The Solid Rock

arr. M. Hayes

**Call to Worship**

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

**Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.**

Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

**Like friends drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.**

Like little children, we have come to be surprised.

**In this time and place of worship, we give ourselves to God, that we might then give ourselves in service to the world.**

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 393** O Day of Rest and Gladness

**\*Call to Confession**

Let us face up to our flaws and misdeeds, seeking the forgiveness of our Creator.

Let us pray.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God our Maker, Parent to the human family: with warm and grateful joy we call ourselves your children. Yet how difficult it is for us to consider ourselves your dependents. We exult in the freedom you have granted us. We balk at confessing our unending need of your guidance and support. Forgive us when we allow our efforts at self-direction to hinder our growth into deeper faithfulness. Forgive us when we permit an insistence on our own priorities and bright ideas to blind us to your will.**

**Forgive us when we try to possess you more than serve you. Fill us with the wisdom that begins when we acknowledge that we need you. Fill us with the courage we receive from your promise of steadfast love. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. For truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

**May we welcome God's mercy toward us—the mercy of loving parents toward their children!**

**\*Gloria Patri N<sup>o</sup>. 581**

**Anthem** Morning Has Broken arr. L. Sue

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 63:7-9

**Second Lesson** Mark 10:13-16

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Young Disciples:**

**Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 188, vs 1** Jesus Loves Me

(Children may come forward.)

**Sermon** Undeserving, Yet Acceptable Dr. Fancher

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory** Grateful M. Hayes

**\*Doxology N<sup>o</sup>. 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**To feed the hungry and clothe the naked, to bring healing to the sick and comfort to the afflicted, to give strength to the weak, love to the lonely, and hope to the hopeless, we dedicate these gifts to you, Gracious God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 498** Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

**Communion Liturgy** (see insert)

**\*HYMN N<sup>o</sup>. 320** The Church of Christ in Every Age

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*Congregational Response**

Go to the World!

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** When We All Get To Heaven arr. M. Hayes

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\*Please stand in body or spirit

## COMMUNION LITURGY

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Christ's Words Instituting the Sacrament

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Holy Presence, we have eaten bread and juice; you have fed us with life and love. We have spoken prayers and sung our praise; you have welcomed our love and given us even more. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for sending us out to serve strangers and friends, sisters and brothers, seniors and children in the name of Jesus your son, our Master. Amen.

## Announcements and Events

*Sunday, May 5, 2024*



**PARMA-SOUTH**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Church Office Hours: M – TH 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 5

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Communion

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

- Town Hall Meeting – Dining Room – Lunch will be served.

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

### Monday, May 6

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee – Parlor

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

### Tuesday, May 7

11:00 AM – Care Team Meeting – Parlor

7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

### Wednesday, May 8

6:30 PM – Fellowship Committee Meeting – Online

### Thursday, May 9

\*Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting – Switched to Monday, May 6.

7:00 PM – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 11

9:00 AM – Men's Square – Denny's Restaurant (Parma Town)

### Sunday, May 12

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

**LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today's lesson and look deeper into today's scripture.** Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

**CARE TEAM -** The Care Team has a supply of stamped and addressed cards in the Narthex for our friends and members. Please take a few and sign, add a short message if you'd like, then mail. Let's stay connected.

**GRIEF GROUP -** Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org). Many thanks and blessings.

**MEETINGS -** Please notify [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org) and Mary Sue Murphy at [msmgrandma@gmail.com](mailto:msmgrandma@gmail.com) when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

## CONTACTING OUR NEW GAP PASTOR

### Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher

In the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach Pastor Jon quickly, please call or text his personal cell phone at (440) 263-8872. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting him.

- Office hours: Friday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Greeters –** Greeting you this morning were members of our Scout Troop 263. The scouts are an important part of our church community. We appreciate all the scouts do throughout the year for Parma-South. If you have questions, call Richard Salisbury at 440-842-0014.

**Town Hall Meeting –** Today (May 5), immediately following the worship service. Please join us in the Dining Room, a light lunch will be served. You will hear from various church groups about upcoming summer activities and updates. Child care will be available.

**Welcome – New Office Administrator –** Please welcome Kathy Snyder, who started duties as our new Office Administrator at Parma-South on April 22. Kathy replaces our off-site Virtual Ministry Assistant Nicole (who will remain until May 31, working with Kathy on the transition.) Contact Kathy Snyder by phone during office hours: M-TH, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or by email at: [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org)

**Men's Square Meeting –** The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, gathering for breakfast at Parma-Town. For more information, contact Ed Walker at: (440) 552-2998. Hope to see you there!

**Presbytery Meeting Attendance** – The Presbytery of the Western Reserve holds a “presbytery meeting” on the fourth Monday of every other month from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm. Meetings are hosted by different churches, either in-person or virtually via Zoom. In addition to attendance by pastors within the Presbytery, each church can send up to two “commissioner representatives.” A church commissioner can be any current or past elder from that church, who can vote on issues on behalf of their church. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn about issues, concerns, and policies within the denomination or within our Presbytery, and share ideas with other churches. Each meeting includes a brief church service. For more information, or to register to attend a future meeting as a Parma-South representative, please contact Don Sinko at: ([donsinkocpa@hotmail.com](mailto:donsinkocpa@hotmail.com)).

**Mission Garden Volunteers** – Your help is needed! Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed in this very productive produce ministry to help with spring clean-up, planting, watering, harvesting, and delivering produce. Garden season starts in May and runs through late September. We welcome all help. The Mission Garden is a church-wide effort and can't happen without time and labor. Our church garden has been labeled as a mission priority. Please consider volunteering in God's Garden, serving our community, and having some fun while enjoying time in nature! Please contact Tony Indovina at: 216-701-0880 to sign up or for more information.

**Memorial Day Service - May 27 at 9:30 AM:** Our Fellowship Committee will provide bottled water and donuts. The sanctuary will be open to the community; church members will be located at the front doors to greet visitors.

The service will be led by Rev. Jon Fancher and the American Legion Post 703. It will include a welcome by Mayor Gallo, singing of patriotic hymns, music by the Valley Forge Marching Band, and brief messages from two local veterans. The thirty-minute service will be followed by a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where departed veterans will be honored. Please plan to be part of this service of recognition and remembrance.

**Ongoing Prayer Concern:** Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. **Cards can be sent to:** Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St. Anchorage, AK 99504

## Congratulations, Gwen Beyer!

Thank you and  
Best Wishes!



*Reception on Sunday, May 19*

- Following our Worship service, during coffee hour.

### **Come and Celebrate Gwen's Retirement!**

She has been a very dedicated member of our staff, serving as our Director of Music, working with our youth, with carillon ringers and choirs.

**Gwen, you will be greatly missed!**

## Welcome - New Director of Music

**Please welcome Chris Venesile, our new Director of Music.**

Chris will begin his role on May 1st, and will plan and direct all of our music programs at Parma-South. Until recently, Chris was an Associate Professor of Choral Music Education at Kent State University.

## 2024 Mission Garden Events

**First Garden Clean-up:** Saturday, May 11 at Noon.

**Planting Day:** Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 AM.

- Rain make-up day would be on Sunday, May 26, after church if needed.

\*Please bring a pair of gardening gloves. Garden tools are available, however you're welcome to bring your own favorite tool.

**Sign up for:** Watering, Harvesting, and Delivery to the Food Pantry, in the Narthex and Social Hall. Everyone, of any age is welcome to help to out! It's also, a great family opportunity!

**For any questions,** please see Tony Indovina or contact him at (216) 701-0880.

## May Hike - Edgewater Park



**Kite Flying at 12:30 pm  
and a Hike at 1:30 pm**


**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**Meet up Spot:** Edgewater Beach House

7600 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**Contact Katie:** 216-386-7741

## Memorial Day Service



**Monday, May 27  
at 9:30 AM**

### Location

Parma-South Front Lawn

\*Bring a Lawn Chair

## Annual Strawberry Festival

*Parma-South's Annual*  
**STRAWBERRY  
FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 2 | 11AM - 1PM**



# School of Rock Musical

Come see  
Pastor Jon perform at:  
The Cassidy Theatre!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9  
AT 2:30 PM**

**Please complete the form.**

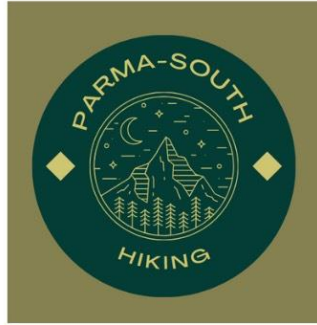
This is due to the Church Office by May 20th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you!



**Saturday, May 18 @ 12:30p.m. - Kite and Hike / Edgewater Beach**



**Saturday, June 29 @ 12:30p.m. - Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve**

**Sunday, July 14 @ 12:30p.m. - Big Creek Reservation  
East Coast Custard**



**Sunday, August 11 @ 12:30p.m. - Brecksville Reservation  
Salamander Loop Trail**