



## *Parma-South Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Laura Dory, Lay Reader

Dr. Christopher J. Venesile, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

**July 14, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Welcome**

**The Church Life and Ministry**

**Prelude**

Suo-Gan

arr. John Carter

**Call to Worship**

O God, from the sky you send rain on the hills; the earth is filled with your blessings.

**You make fresh grass grow for cattle, and fruit for your people.**

You bring forth food from the earth: wine to make us rejoice,

**Oil to make us cheerful, and bread to give us strength.**

Let us sing praise to this God who gives us all good things.

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**\*Call to Confession, and Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God, in these times when gathered in this space we have such great aspirations: we hear stores of Jesus being so accepting, kind, generous, caring, and we truly believe that we can do it, too. But in the midst of our days:**

**--we're too busy to listen to another's burden;**

**--too afraid to smile at the unfamiliar face or speak to the stranger at our side;**

**--too judgmental to help those people who don't seem willing to accept responsibility for themselves;**

**--too insecure to share what we have earned or received.**

**God of Infinite Love, forgive us. Forgive our hesitation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. May we discover within us the seed of repentance, so we can grow in a new direction; toward Jesus, our brother, friend, master and savior. Amen.**

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Even the smallest amount of faith in God can move mountains.

**Therefore, let us cherish and cultivate our faith.**

May our faith grow today so that its branches extend beyond what we thought possible.

**Praise the God of glory and mercy for loving us so!**

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Musical Meditation:** What Wondrous Love Is this arr. Michael Larkin

(Based on Wondrous Love from W. Walkers Southern Harmony 1835)

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Leviticus 26: 3-5

**Second Lesson** Matthew 13: 3b-8, 18-23

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 188 (verse 1)** "Jesus Loves Me"

**Time for Young Disciples:**

**Sermon** "No Garden Without a Gardener" Dr. Fancher

**Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 720** "Jesus Calls Us"

### **Prayers of the People, and 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.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** Be Thou My Vision arr. Michael Larkin

### **\*Doxology N<sup>o</sup>. 606**

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Gracious Lord, open our eyes and hearts to see your mission in the world, and give us discernment and courage to participate in ways that bring glory to your name. We thank you for enabling us to give these gifts offered from the treasures you've entrusted to our use. Amen**

**\*Hymn N<sup>o</sup>. 714** "God of the Fertile Fields"

### **\*Charge & Blessing**

### **\*Congregational Response N<sup>o</sup> 748**

**Go with us, Lord and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true,  
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

**\*Postlude** When Morning Gilds The Skies arr. John Carter

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\*Please stand in body or spirit

# Announcements and Events

*Sunday, July 14, 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, July 14**

8:30 AM – “CWRU Summer Reading Program” @ Parma South Presbyterian Church

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

12:30 PM – Church Hike – Big Creek

2:45 PM – Life Group - Online

### **Monday, July 15**

8:30 AM – “CWRU Summer Reading Program” @ Parma South Presbyterian Church

7:00 PM – Life Group Meeting – Parlor

### **Tuesday July 16**

8:30 AM – “CWRU Summer Reading Program” @ Parma South Presbyterian Church

### **Thursday, July 18**

4:00 PM – Grief Group - Online

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee - Parlor

### **Sunday, July 21**

8:30 AM – “CWRU Summer Reading Program” @ Parma South Presbyterian Church

10:00 AM – Worship Service Outdoors (Weather Permitting)

2:45 PM – Life Group – Online

6:00 PM – Homestead Hoofers 4-H Meeting – Social Hall

### **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.

Meetings are also held in the parlor at the church on Monday evenings @ 7:00 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.

**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 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.

**PUBLICITY and ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you or your committee has an announcement or articles to be publicized (in Tidings, Bulletins, on the Outdoor Sign, etc.), please submit a: **Communications Request Form**. This new form is available for download on our website's Contact page:

[www.parma-south.org/contact](http://www.parma-south.org/contact).

Please fill it out completely and email it back as indicated on the form.

**\*Prefer to submit a hard copy instead?** The forms are available in the "Communications/Tidings" mail slot in the church work room; fill it out and return it to the same mail slot. Thank you!

**NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – Kathy Snyder.**

On-site office hours: M-TH, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Email at: [officeadmin@parma-south.org](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south.org)

**MEN'S SQUARE** – Will be "on vacation" until September.

**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

**JUST A REMINDER:**

There will be a class for the children during the morning worship service for the summer months.

**CWRU SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

Exciting news! In keeping with our stated mission to be more involved with our local community, Parma-South will host Case Western Reserve's Summer Reading Program Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays July 7 to August 6. Students from the Parma/Parma Heights schools will be using our Multipurpose room for 1 hour sessions throughout those days.

Pre-K and their parents will attend the first hour, then Kindergarten the next hour and so on up through high school. The nationally known program strengthens skills, builds confidence, and develops motivation for reading. To avoid conflicts with our members' use of the building, they will use the back parking lot and entrance. Please give our visitors a warm welcome if you are in the building during the educational days



**Summer Hike Schedule**

For more information, contact Katie at 216-386-7741.

- **Sunday, July 14 at 12:30 PM**  
**Big Creek Reservation and East Coast Custard**  
Big Creek Parkway  
Parma, Ohio 44129
- **Sunday, August 11 at 12:30 PM**  
**Brecksville Reservation - Salamander Loop Trail**  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141