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Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor – Rev. Chad Delaney

Student Pastor – Sarah Smith

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Transformation

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chad Delaney

SONG

“Weave”

Pam Auble & Beth Schabel

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84

Carol Buzbee

OPENING HYMN

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

#545

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

What e'er I do, where e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me:

His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. ***(Refrain)***

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thro' Jordan leadeth me. ***(Refrain)***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ally Hurd

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah Smith

SONG RESPONSE

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Pam Auble & Beth Schabel

Shepherd Me, O God beyond my thoughts,
Beyond my fears, from death into life

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:35 – 19:10

SERMON

Transformation: Jesus is Passing By

Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Katie Baird

Communion Song

“Spirit Song ”

#352

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

O come and sing this son with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. ***(Refrain)***

Meditation

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

CLOSING SONG

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

#557

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. ***(Refrain)***

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. ***(Refrain)***

BENEDICTION

Sarah Smith

POSTLUDE

“The Potter Digs and Finds the Clay” Written & Sung by Jon Secaur
(See Lyrics on next page)

The Potter Digs and Finds the Clay

The potter digs and finds the clay,
A mix of soil, mud, and decay –
Then purifies it and refines,
And makes the little flakes align.
Oh potter god, take me and use
Me for whatever shape you choose.

And can it be that I, the clay,
Should ask the potter to explain
Why my appearance is so bland,
When other vessels seem so grand?
Oh potter God, help me to find
The beauty deep in my design.

Our clay, we fear, is dry and cracked,
Or wet and sloppy, grey or black.
Perhaps we're calcified and hard
Or shattered into tiny shards.
Our potter God can make us new!
God says, "I can work with that, too!"

We hold these treasures from our birth
In vessels made of clay, of earth.
Adam, from adama, amazed!
Humanity from dust, you raised!
Oh potter God, we'll not forget
That you're not finished with us yet.

88:88:88

- Jon Secaur
Lent, 2015