



Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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MCCC Outdoor Worship Order
Sunday, May 16, 2021

This worship service is being live streamed. If the weather is cooperating you are welcome to sit on the lawn. Please know that if you have any concern about you or your child being live on YouTube, please stay behind the camera tripod. You may also sit in your car and tune your radio to 105.5 FM.

Bathrooms are open. Please go to the far north side entrance of the building and use the bathroom in the nursery. One person in the building at a time and please sanitize on your way out.

GATHERING MUSIC **“Come Christians, join To Sing”** **Jan Green**
Arr. By Eugene Englert [tune: Madrid (a Spanish folk melody)]

WELCOME **Rev. Chad Delaney**

OPENING SCRIPTURE **Psalm 133** **Jon Secaur**

Let's stand and sing together “Weave”

***RESPONSE** **“Weave”** **Pam Auble**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

ALL: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

ONE: May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

ALL: They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf shall never wither.

ONE: The grace, mercy and peace, of the Lord Jesus, be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

By Bruce Prewer based on Psalm 1 and John 17

SONG OF PRAISE

“We Gather Together”

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ally Hurd

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Sarah Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON

Competition or Cooperation?

Rev. Chad Delaney



COMMUNION

Tim Bennett

Meditation

Communion Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *(Refrain)*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *(Refrain)*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *(Refrain)*

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and taught us what perfect love can be;
through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.

2 The church in ev'ry nation is one through all the earth;
Our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
To one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.

3 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Smith

DEPARTING MUSIC

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Jan Green

arr. By Steven Scott [tune: Angel's Story by Arthur H. Mann]

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church!



Future events at MCCC!

- **Attention all MCCC Gardeners and Plant Lovers!**

As part of the Trustees maintenance and sprucing up in and around the church building this Spring, the garden along the south side of the building, (the side facing the cemetery and ball diamond) is in need of some major cleanup. While there's an abundance of weeds, there are also a number of perennials and bulbs buried in among these weeds. The Trustees plan on cleaning up this bed after this side of the building gets painted in late May/early June. **Between now and May 22nd**, you gardeners and plant lovers are welcome to come and dig up and take home any of these items that you care to. **PLEASE DO NOT dig up anything in the beds in front of the church or along the north side and in front of the education wing.** These beds are currently maintained and are in good shape. If you have any questions, please call Paul Meeker at 330/357-6392.

- Join us on **Tuesday, May 18, 25, & June 1 at 7 PM** for a **video by Rabbi David Zaslow** for study and discussion about the Exodus from Egypt, a key story in the Jewish tradition, and its relevance for us, right now, as we are seeking deliverance from the oppression of this pandemic. A fine and humorous speaker, Reb Zaslow will talk and sing us through the ancient Moses story and what it means for us, today. Contact Jon Secaur for questions at: jsecaur@kent.edu.

- **The Smile Team** is coordinating our upcoming **drive-thru "Day of Kindness" on Saturday, May 22nd from 11-1** in the church parking lot. Many thanks to Dottie & Brian Summerlin for starting this event a few years ago! We are collecting Blessing Bags, Prayer Shawls, Food for the 4-C's, and helping others with yard clean-ups! Monetary donations are also welcome! To extend our heartfelt "THANKS", the Smile Team is providing **a free hot-dog lunch to-go for your thoughtful donations!** If you need any information please contact the Smile Team Chair, Becky Tipton at: 216-870-7039. If you would like to help with some yard work, or know someone in need, please contact Rick Painley at: 330-606-6314. **Let's spread some smiles!**



NOTE: If you missed the original email describing the items needed for the Blessing Bags and the 4-C's collections, please contact Sandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org and she will email a copy to you!

If you have any announcements or events for the bulletin, please contact Sandi Kossick at:
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