



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Mantua Center Christian Church

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms

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The Order of Worship

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 **"Love is Flowing" arr. By John Purifoy [tune by Darlene Sims]**
Jan Green

WELCOME **Rev. Chad Delaney**

OPENING SCRIPTURE **Psalm 98:1-8** **Beth Voynovich**

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: We celebrate today our mothers who bore us and cradled us as infants.

ALL: We also remember mothers who have lost their children, whose tears still flow from their broken hearts.



ONE: We express gratitude to our spiritual mothers and fathers who guided us throughout life, modeling for us the love of God.

ALL: We hold up mothers of diverse religions and creeds who experience life in different ways

ONE: We pray for those who we love and hold dear to our hearts—children, youth, young adults, and elders;

ALL: And we pray for those we know and do not hold dear, and those who we do not know and whose suffering we have not embraced.

ONE: On this Mother's Day, we come to worship the living God, to honor motherhood in all its forms, and to find our solace and peace in the goodness that life brings;

ALL: We hope to depart this place transformed by Christ's Spirit, rooted in compassion, justice, mercy, and love. Amen

~ written by Rev. Paul Hayes

SONG OF PRAISE

"Faith of our Mothers"

Faith of our mothers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life!

Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

The martyrs bound in prison chains
were still in heart and conscious free,
and blessed would be their children's fate,
if they, like them, should live for thee!

Faith of the martyrs, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
when-e'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nora Brant

PASTORAL PRAYER

Cathy Hakala-Ausperk

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:15-21

SERMON

Rooted in Love

Rev. Chad Delaney

COMMUNION

Liz Meeker

Meditation

Communion Hymn

“My Faith Looks up to Thee”

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution

CLOSING HYMN

“Oh Master, Let me Walk with Thee”

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with Thee, O master let me live.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Smith

DEPARTING MUSIC

“Jesus, I Come”

Jan Green

arr. By Robert W. Thygerson [tune by George C. Stebbins]





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 major cleanup. While there are 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 11**, and the three following Tuesdays (5/18, 5/25 & 6/1) **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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