

Mantua Center Christian Church

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms Rev. Chad Delaney, Senior Minister

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, July 18, 2021 Fruit of the Spirit - Gentleness

- This worship service is being live streamed. If you have any concern about you or your child being live on YouTube, please stay behind the 5th row of pews.
- We are "mask optional" but encourage those who are not vaccinated to please wear a mask.
- The nursery has been cleaned and sanitized if needed for your children.
- There are baskets at the entrance/exit of the sanctuary space to place your offering. (or you may Give Online at mantuacentercc.org).

GATHERING MUSIC "Pass Me Not" Jan Green

By Todd Kendall (tune by William H. Doane)

WELCOME Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-5 Rev. Chad Delaney

*RESPONSE "Weave"

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: Living God, we gather to give you thanks and praise

ALL: for you are a God of gentle mystery!

ONE: Generations have praised you for your might and power

ALL: Yet, you revealed yourself in gentleness,

ONE: in compassion and in love—in the forgiving glance,

ALL: in the care of little children, in the warm affection of the breaking of the bread.

ONE: In Christ, you show us who you are

ALL: We worship you with glad and grateful hearts!

~ written by John Hammond in *Winter's Coming Home*

*OPENING HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly"

#340

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home,)
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

*OFFERING OF PRAISE

Pastor Sarah Smith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ally Bozeka

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Sarah Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Jan Green

By Anna Page (tune: SHOWALTER)



COMMUNION

Meditation
Communion Hymn

Nora Brant

"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.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer Words of Institution Distribution Nora Brant Rev. Chad Delaney

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-18

SERMON

Gentleness

*CLOSING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#585

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Smith

DEPARTING MUSIC

"The Solid Rock"

Ian Green

By Mark Hayes (based on tune by William B. Bradbury)

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church!



Future events at MCCC and our community!

How blessed are we at Mantua Center Christian Church! Due to the "magic" that happens behind the scenes, we are able to offer you the option to do any of the following:

- 1) Worship inside church,
- 2) Worship outside on the lawn, or
- 3) Worship via YouTube Live

Please feel free to choose which ever option is *most comfortable for you*, while knowing that God's message will be offered just the same!

- 4th for the 4C's will be Sunday, July 25th. The items needed this month are: Tuna Helper, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Black Tea, and Laundry Detergent. Please help our community food cupboard if you are able. Also, if you are interested in getting involved in this wonderful community group, they are in need of volunteers! Call 330-274-3310 if you can help!
- On August 15th, we will have a special presentation during the worship service during the time for the sermon. We would like to follow up on the *Living the Resurrection* theme introduced after Easter. We would like 3 people from the congregation who would be willing to speak for about 5 minutes each about an experience they had related to living the resurrection (it can come from the jar suggestions or not) something that moved them, changed them, or was rewarding. If you feel so moved to participate, please contact Joy Wyatt via text/call at (216) 870-8290 or email at joydwyatt@gmail.com.

Community Events

- There is still time to visit the St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair! So many exciting events are back on schedule and the Ox Roast Fair is another big event that draws crowds from all around the area & beyond! For more information go to: https://stjosephmantua.com/ox-roast-fair
- Plans are in the works to resume our MCCC Loaves & Fishes free community meal on Thursday, July 29th from 5-6:30pm! The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please know that modifications will be made to help ensure the safety of all! The Menu will be: Sloppy Joes, Macaroni Salad, Jello Salad, Dessert of Brownies, and drinks of either Lemonade, Water or Coffee. Any questions? Contact Carolin Newell at (330) 606-7125. This is a FREE community meal, however, donations are gratefully accepted.

If you have any announcements or events for the bulletin, please contactSandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org.