



Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, July 25, 2021

- 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

"Only Trust Him

Jan Green

By Edward Broughton (tune: STOCKTON)

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:13-20

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: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

**ALL: Before all began, God, Word, and Wisdom
Creating, calling, from the foundations of the deep**

ONE: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

**ALL: From the mountain tops, earth, fields and sea
Creating, calling from the foundations of the deep**

ONE: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

**ALL: To those who suffer God's love is given!
Endurance blossoms from the foundations of the deep**

ONE: Listen! Wisdom is calling!

**ALL: Poured into our hearts that we may become Christ's hand
And heart, love as the foundation of our lives**

~ Inspired by Proverbs 8, written by Teri Peterson

***OPENING HYMN**

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

#588

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

***OFFERING OF PRAISE**

Rev. Chad Delaney

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ally Bozeka

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come to the Water"

By John Foley, S.J. (arr. By Lynda Hasseler)

**Steve Hurd
Jon & Ally Bozeka
Phillip Hurd**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Sarah Smith



COMMUNION

Meditation
Communion Hymn

Sue Wright

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#321

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Distribution

Sue Wright
Rev. Chad Delaney

SCRIPTURE READING

Wisdom of Solomon 7:21-30

SERMON

A Home in Wisdom

Pastor Sarah Smith

*CLOSING HYMN

"More Love to Thee"

#527

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea,
more love, to thee,
more love to thee.

FAREWELL BLESSING FOR PASTOR SARAH SMITH

ONE: Divine Creator, you have called Pastor Sarah to another place, another community, another task.

ALL: **We are sad to see her go, but we recognize that, just as she has been your gift to us, so now she goes as a gift to another group of your people.**

ONE: We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage diverge.

ALL: **We thank you for all that we have done and learned and shared together.**

ONE: We pray for the community to which she goes, that they will value her, support her, learn from her, and encourage her.

ALL: **We pray for ourselves as we move forward without her presence, but knowing we will always be in each other's hearts.**

ONE: As we part, we reaffirm that it has been your Spirit, O God, who brought us together in the first place, your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship;

ALL: **And it is your Spirit who goes with Pastor Sarah and your Spirit who stays with us;**

ONE: Your Spirit who keeps us all together in the worldwide family of your church.

ALL: **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Smith

DEPARTING MUSIC

"A Psalm of Trust"

By David Paxton

Jan Green

***Thank you for joining us at
Mantua Center Christian Church!***



Future events at MCCC and our community!

Please remember we have three ways in which we can worship at MCCC:

- 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!

- **Today is our "4th for the 4C's" food collection.** The items needed this month are: **Tuna Helper, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Black Tea, and Laundry Detergent.** Any items may be placed in the bins outside the lower level door. 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! Thanks to all who are able to 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

- After a long break, due to Covid, we are having our first **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.
- **“Skips Music Jam” will be held on August 13th from 6-8pm.** Feel free to bring your musical instruments (non-electric at this time please!) to the Fellowship Hall at MCCC. The group had a great time last Friday after such a long break, and they are looking forward to meeting again in August. If you don’t play or want to participate, feel free to stop by and listen! Any questions? Contact Skip Schweitzer at: (330) 562-9801.



The Smile Team is VERY GRATEFULLY expressing our “THANKS” to all those who helped in ANY WAY to make our recent bake sale a big success!! The money donated for the baked goods will be used to help continue our church and

community outreach projects. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all your continued support.** We are a very blessed congregation to have such support for all of the various missions at our church!

If you have any questions or would like to help participate with the Smile Team projects, please contact Becky Tipton at Rebecca_tipton@hotmail.com, or you may call/text Becky at (216)870-7039.

If you have any announcements or events for the bulletin or our weekly calendar, please contact Sandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org.