



Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, November 21, 2021

- **Please note that our status of masking has changed.** We are asking everyone to **please wear a mask during the inside worship service** for the time being. This is a temporary step back until the infection rate in our county falls again. **Thank you for protecting yourself and those around you!**
- 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.
- 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. (You may also Give Online at mantuacentercc.org). There are also coloring sheets at the entrance for the children with a picture corresponding to the sermon.

GATHERING MUSIC

Trio on "Ash Grove"
[Douglas E. Wagner]

Jan Green

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE

John 8:12

***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**

Tim Bennett

ONE: We have gathered in this space

ALL: Welcomed like a prodigal child back into our warm, safe home.

ONE: We have gathered in this space

ALL: Embraced like children greeted by Jesus when others turned us away.

ONE: We have gathered in this space.

ALL: Let us worship God as beloved children, heirs to God’s beloved kingdom of peace.

***OPENING HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

#276

We gather together to ask for God’s blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow’rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Tim Bennett

ADULT’S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

COMMUNION

Meditation

Tim Bennett

Communion Hymn

“A Hymn of Joy We Sing”

#404

A hymn of joy we sing,
around your table, Lord;
again our grateful tribute bring,
Our solemn vows record.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Tim Bennett

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Distribution

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-3

SERMON

What Brings You Joy?

Rev. Chad Delaney

CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

#2

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

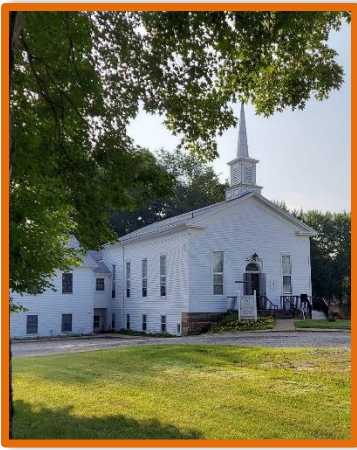
“Hymn to Joy”

Jan Green

[Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. By Edward Broughton]

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church!

***You are welcome to stay after worship for the 7th week book study “MCCC’s Exodus: Telling OUR Story”, located in the Fellowship Hall. Today’s session is entitled: “Experiencing our MCCC Story”, led by Nancy Humes.**



Future events at MCCC and our Community!

With colder weather upon us, we have two ways offered for worship at MCCC:

- 1) Worship inside church (in the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall.)**
- 2) Worship via YouTube Live** (*The link is sent out via email on Friday or Saturday. Simply click on the link and it will take you directly to the live stream.

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

The "Hanging of the Greens" is this Sunday, November 21st. We welcome **ALL helpers** - knowing that **many hands make quick work!** Please stay after and help if able.

Advent Devotional Orders are being prepared and will be available for pick-up before or after worship on **Sunday, November 28th**. Please let Sandi Kossick know if you need one delivered to your home. (secretary@mantuacentercc.org)

Our next "4th for the 4C's" is Sunday, November 28th. Remember that any items may be placed in the bins outside at the lower level entrance of the church at any time during the month – you don't have to wait for the 4th Sunday! **The food items needed for November are: Jello, Canned Pasta, and Dish Soap.** Also, if you are interested in getting involved in this wonderful community group, **they are looking for volunteers!** Call 330-274-3310 if you can help! Thanks to all who help in any way to support our community in need!

The "Mitten Tree" is back! (Nov. 1st thru 28th)



We have started collecting **Mittens, Hats, Headbands, and Scarves** for the families in our community and beyond!!

The sizes needed are **infants, toddlers, teens and adults.** This year the donations will be given to Kids Weekend Meals and will be distributed in December. We have so many more families in need this year that we are hoping for a **"better than ever"** collection.

Please keep your eyes open while shopping for some good deals and help us out if you are able – **handmade items are**

also always welcome. We are hanging the items on the lines in the sanctuary so we can watch the progress grow! If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org or call/text 330-607-7003. Bring your donations to the bin in the inside entryway of the church, or place in the bin outside of the lower level. Sandi is also available for pick-up of items if needed. **Spread the word to family and friends! We have LOTS of families that need our help this year!**



MCCC Poinsettia Sale is back for the holidays!

Orders are now being taken for those who would like to purchase a poinsettia in **Memory of** or **to Honor** someone special. The names of those remembered will be noted in our Christmas bulletin. **The Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 5th.** Money must be paid at the time of ordering. You will have the option to pay online, by cash, or by check. See the attachment with this email for the details. If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Kossick: secretary@mantuacentercc.org or call/text (330) 607-7003.

DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH!

The 2021 Meghan R. Brant Memorial Quilt is now being raffled with all proceeds going to support early detection of ovarian cancer research at Case Comprehensive Care Center and providing scholarships.

Raffle tickets for this Queen Size quilt made by her mother, Nora Brant, are \$1 each or 6/\$5. See the quilt and buy tickets in person at Forage & Feather in Mantua Village. Make checks payable to: Meghan Brant Memorial Fund and mail, along with your name and phone number to: Nora Brant, P.O. Box 488, Mantua, Ohio 44255.

Tickets will be sold through Nov. 20th. Winner need not be present for the November 24th drawing and will be notified by phone.

From single dollar bills to matching funds, *Nora has raised over \$100,000 for research and scholarships since 1997.* Please join us in the fight against ovarian cancer by entering this year's raffle. One lucky supporter will win this quilt – it could be **YOU!**

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER!

The 2021 Knights of Columbus Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 21, at 1 p.m.** Please call 330-274-4295 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party. This free dinner will be held in Hughes Hall at St. Joseph Church in Mantua (not at the K of C Hall on St. Rt. 44 as in previous years). Reservations are first come, first served.

MCCC'S CRAFT BAZAAR IS DEC. 4TH!



Our Ohio Women's Ministries group (OWM) at MCCC is hosting our annual **MCCC Craft Bazaar!** It will be held on **Saturday, December 4th from 10am - 4pm at the old Mantua Center School** (11741 Mantua Center Rd., Mantua, Oh 4255). There will be a variety of crafters, a 50/50 Raffle, food, baked goods, music and free parking. Questions? Contact Carolin Newell at 330-606-7125.

We are asking for volunteers to help provide the following items FOR THE KITCHEN:

1 crock pot of soup, 2 crock pots of sloppy joes, 1 lg. crock pot of chili, 4 dozen donuts (for crafters), 2 boxes saltine crackers, assorted pies (*no other desserts please, just pies!*), and 3 boxes (8 pks each) of hot chocolate mix. Please contact Carolin Newell if you are able to assist in providing any of these items. Also, we will need help with set-up, clean-up and serving, so let Carolin know if you can help with that too! (330) 606-7125