

*A JOURNEY THROUGH THE
MANTUA CENTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION
OUR 195th YEAR*

Sunday, January 30, 2022



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Founder's Day Celebration ~ 195 Years of Ministry

I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD.
They will be My people, and I will be their God,
for they will return to Me with all their heart. (*Jeremiah 24:7*)

OPENING

Rev. Chad Delaney

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ally Bozeka

OUR CELEBRATION

HYMN

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

v.1

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day
As women, men, and children, we serve Christ's path to clear
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE DAY

ONE: We are all created in the image of God...caretakers of *ALL* of the creation.

ALL: **We fully recognize that Jesus was Jewish and that this creates a unique bond between us and our Jewish and Islamic brothers and sisters.**

ONE: Respecting this bond...our past, our present and our future.

ALL: **We celebrate our joys and our sorrows – that have called us to be a people of the ONE GOD.**

ONE: Whether we call you God...we can and should celebrate our commonality.

ALL: **We are one serving the same Creator.**

ONE: We study our pasts, our present and our futures.

ALL: **And we want to do nothing more than work together to make *THIS* world the place God intended.**

LIGHTING THE CELEBRATORY CANDLES

ALL: Happy are those of steadfast faith who still can bless the light of candles shining in the darkness Rejoice, O Earth, in those who keep the way, for there is still song for them within you.

ONE: In praising God we say that all life is sacred...brightened to higher harmony. *(Pause for candle lighting)*

ALL: We praise You, God, majestic sovereign of all life, who hallows our lives with commandments and bids us kindle festive holy light.

ONE: In offering praise to God...the world is made brighter for all.

ALL: We are each on our own journey of faith and yet we travel together, supporting one another in our quest to become God's hands and feet to bring peace and harmony to all of God's Creation.

THE FIRST CUP

THE CUP OF REMEMBRANCE & CELEBRATION

MISSION HYMN

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

v.2

So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills;
from quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise
we go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

THE SECOND CUP

THE CUP OF THE PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

THE THIRD CUP

THE CUP OF BLESSING

HOLY COMMUNION

Led by Katie Baird & Steve Hurd

COMMUNION HYMN

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

v.3

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed
to share the cup of wine and the bread with all in need;
to work 'til God's compassion and righteousness prevail
'til all this planet's people know justice without fail.

THE FOURTH CUP - THE CUP OF GRATITUDE

BENEDICTION

Led by Nancy Humes

ALL: This privilege we have shared – celebrating our past, our present and our future will continue year after year – reminding us all of our calling as God’s people until God’s peace - God’s Shalom has come for *all* of creation.

ONE: Peace!

ALL: Peace for us! For Peace for Everyone!

ONE: For all people, this is our hope.

ALL: Next year, may all be free!

ONE: Yes. Peace for all.

ALL: And *All* means ALL!

CLOSING HYMN

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

v.3

As people sharing one world, we pray for peace to reign
to learn to share resources is best for all to gain;
the power rests within us, we simply need to share
and spread God’s peace completely, this is our solemn prayer.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating

195 Years of Ministry.

Peace be with you now & always!