

February 13, 2022

# **Mantua Center Christian Church**

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms **Rev. Chad Delaney, Senior Minister** Pastor's Contact: 330-569-4926 pastormccc@gmail.com <u>www.mantuacentercc.org</u> WiFi pw: mccc1827

- We are asking everyone to **please wear a mask during the inside worship service** for the time being. Every other pew is temporarily blocked for added safety measures. The Fellowship Hall downstairs is also available for viewing the live service in a more "spread out" casual space. **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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). Coloring sheets at the entrance and in the Fellowship Hall for the children with a picture corresponding to the sermon.)

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP February 13, 2022 Equipping the Saints for Ministry

#### PRELUDE

"Partake the Bread of the World" [Ruth Elaine Schram] Jan Green

#### WELCOME

# **Rev. Chad Delaney**

#### OPENING SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 4:10-11

**\*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: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:
- ALL: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.
- ONE: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.
- ALL: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.
- ONE: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.
- ALL: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.
- ONE: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
- ALL: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

~ written by Thom Shuman

# **\*OPENING HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

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**1** O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

**3** My loving Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

#### **Roger Cram**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY		<b>Roger Cram</b>
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Ally Bozeka
INSTALLATION OF THE ELDERS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Chad Delaney
*COMMUNION Meditation Communion Hymn	"Here at thy Table, Lord"	Sue Wright #384
1 Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel thee near, in loving power; calling our thoughts away from self and sin. As to thy banquet hall we enter in.		
Prayer & Lord's Prayer Words of Institution		Sue Wright Rev. Chad Delaney
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 4:11-16	
HOMILY	Equipping the Saints	Rev. Chad Delaney
LITANY OF MINISTRY #451 O God, who sent Jesus into the world Not to be ministered unto, but to minister		

Not to be ministered unto, but to minister And to give his life to set others free Shape us for your ministry.

#### Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.

You have graced all members of Christ's body, one by one, with gifts of the Spirit to fulfill their vocation:

To lead lives worthy of your calling To be workers who have not reason to be ashamed, To shine as lights to your glory.

# You have granted each of us the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You give grace according to the measure of Christ's gift, And some are called to be apostles, Some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers To equip the saints for the work of ministry, For building up the body of Christ. (Litany of Ministry cont.)

# Grant that together we may all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of your Son, to the full stature of Christ.

Through your grace, O God, may we lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you call us.

Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.

# \*CLOSING HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #453

 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer poorer, all God's people young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

# BENEDICTION

# **Rev. Chad Delaney**

#### POSTLUDE

#### **"Fantasia of Coronation"** [Todd Kendall]

Jan Green



Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church!