



February 20, 2022

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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- 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 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). 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 20, 2022
The Ins and Outs

PRELUDE

“Dove of Peace”
[Harry Strack]

Jan Green

WELCOME

Roger Cram, MCCC Elder

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-14

***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**

Roger Cram

ONE: You who are poor, why have you come?

ALL: To hear good news.

ONE: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

ALL: To heal our hearts.

ONE: You who are captive, why have you come?

ALL: To hear words of freedom.

ONE: You who are prisoners, why have you come?

ALL: To be released from what binds us.

ONE: You who mourn, why have you come?

ALL: To receive comfort.

ONE: ALL are welcome here in this place,
at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

ALL: Amen

~ written by Joanna Harader

***OPENING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

#4

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Roger Cram

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Jon Secaur

***COMMUNION**

Meditation

Rev. Nancy Humes

Communion Hymn "We Come as Guests Invited"

#386 v. 3

3 One bread is ours for sharing, one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Nancy Humes

Words of Institution

Roger Cram

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-30

HOMILY

The Ins and Outs

Jon Secaur

***CLOSING HYMN "In Christ There is No East or West"**

#687, V. 1 & 4

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north:
all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

Roger Cram

POSTLUDE

"They'll Know We are Christians"

Jan Green

[Edward Broughton]

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

Week of Compassion is Feb. 20th & 27th. Please consider giving to this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) mission fund to help others throughout the world. The best way to make sure your donation gets credited to MCCC is to donate in one (or more!) of the following ways: **1) mantuacentercc.org – click "Give Online", and select Week of Compassion in the drop-down box, 2) put your cash offering in an envelope marked "WOC" in the collection basket (Checks made payable to MCCC, with WOC in memo line), or 3) turn in your coin boxes before or after the church services by placing on the communion table. ** We have extended the deadline to Sunday March 20th. **** Thank you for your support! (Below is just one of the many stories describing how Week of Compassion can change lives!)

Special Offering - Mission Moment: Dayton OH

2/15/2022



Love is shelter. Love is a listening ear. Love is community. Love is a hopeful future. **Love is a path forward.** When all else seems lost, love remains.

On Memorial Day 2019, tornadoes swept through the Miami Valley of Ohio, destroying thousands of homes and apartments and leaving a trail of downed trees and power lines in their wake. Many of the tornado-affected families have had to relocate multiple times since the tornadoes due to substandard housing conditions and inflated rent.

Two years after the storm, the Stephens family was still unable to find adequate living quarters.

The family of ten was forced to live apart. In addition to dealing with unscrupulous contractors, the family had to haggle with insurance companies as they tried to rebuild their home. The Stephenses, like so many other families, remained in temporary housing and separated, pending the completion of repairs.

Yet, all was not lost. The Stephens family connected with the Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery Operations Group, and volunteer teams finished the repairs.

Alongside these traditional home repair projects, and with support from Week of Compassion, the MVLTROG helped launch the [Tornado Survivors' Pathways to Homeownership Project](#) to help alleviate the housing crunch in the Dayton area.

Volunteers and local nonprofits work together to transition 'nuisance' properties and vacant lots into affordable, single-family housing options for tornado survivors who were displaced from rental housing, stabilizing both families and the community. First-time homeowners receive the support they need to build for their futures.

Sammy Deacon, Brethren Disaster Ministries Long-Term Project Leader, says, “When you reach out to help someone else, the blessing comes back to you as well. An important aspect of the recovery effort is listening to people’s stories and knowing you have the opportunity to help them—physically and spiritually.”

Your gifts to Week of Compassion bring hope out of despair, find blessings amid devastation, and help transform loss into new life. Your contributions bring tangible relief and change the course of lives.

When you give to Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education, and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many different ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives.

With support for long-term recovery, including innovative programs like the Pathways to Homeownership project, Week of Compassion helps create opportunities for families to thrive after disasters. Because **love remains**.

For more information or to read more stories of how Week of Compassion can change lives for the better, go to weekofcompassion.org.