

March 6, 2022 First Sunday in Lent

Mantua Center Christian Church Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms Rev. Chad Delaney, Senior Minister

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- Masks, handshakes, and hugs will all be optional, as each person feels comfortable, with no restrictions. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and feedback that has brought us to these new guidelines.
- 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 and is available 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 March 6, 2022 First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "It is Well With My Soul"

Jan Green

[Lee Rogers]

WELCOME Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 26:5-11

*RESPONSE "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

#575

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Hurd

ONE: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

ALL: Jesus went into the city to heal.

ONE: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

ALL: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

ONE: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

ALL: but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

ONE: There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

ALL: We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.

*OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

#65 v.1&4

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our present help, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.

4 God's Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;

God's reign endures forever!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Steve Hurd

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

*COMMUNION

Meditation

Ally Bozeka

Communion Hymn

"Bread of the World"

#387

1 Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

Prayer & Lord's Prayer Words of Institution Steve Hurd Rev. Chad Delanev

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

HOMILY

Even in the Desert

Rev. Chad Delaney

*CLOSING HYMN

Open My Eves, That I May See

#586

1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

ONE: We believe God is love and God's love is overflowing.

ALL: We believe Jesus is a river that is running toward us.

ONE: We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel

ALL: who holds mercy for you and for me.

ONE: We believe the desert is real and lonely.

ALL: We believe that Jesus has been there and we do not walk alone.

ONE: Even in the desert, we are loved.

ALL: Even in the desert, God is with us.

ONE: Even in the desert, this love overflows.

ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Happy the Soul Who Dwells on God"

Jan Green

[Richard Blake]

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