



March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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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.)

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 Delaney

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

HOMILY

Even in the Desert

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

Open My Eyes, 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

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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”
[Richard Blake]

Jan Green

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