



**April 3, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
*Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms*  
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**If you choose to attend in person, please be aware of the following:**

- **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 5<sup>th</sup> row of pews.
- The nursery has been cleaned and sanitized and is available if needed for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance as well as in the Fellowship Hall for the children with a picture corresponding to the sermon.
- **We have resumed the passing of communion. If you prefer, we will still have sealed “personal” communion cups available at the entrance.**
- **Offering baskets will be passed around the sanctuary at the start of the “Invitation to Generosity” during worship. (You may also *Give Online* at: [mantuacentercc.org](http://mantuacentercc.org)).**

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE	“My Savior First of All” <i>[Lyndell Leatherman]</i>	Jan Green
WELCOME		Rev. Chad Delaney
OPENING SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 43:16-21	

\*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                    Christina Brant

ONE: May we find courage here—

**ALL: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

ONE: May we find hope here—

**ALL: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

ONE: May we find truth here—

**ALL: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in  
ancient stories.**

ONE: May we find all that we seek.

**ALL: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN                    “I Love to Tell the Story”                    #480, v.1&3

**1** I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

***[Refrain:]***

***I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

**3** I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. ***[Refrain]***

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**Christina Brant**

Invitation

**Music: "A Balm in Gilead" [Ross Anderson]**

The Doxology

**#46**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Ally Bozeka**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**\*COMMUNION**

Meditation

**Beth Schabel**

**Communion Hymn**

**#403**

**“In Remembrance of Me”**

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
when God’s own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door  
and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;  
drink and remember too.  
That this is my body and precious blood  
shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me search for truth.  
In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don’t look above,  
But in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer  
Words of Institution

**Beth Schabel**  
**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**Music: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” [Dale Wood]**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Beth Schabel**

**SCRIPTURE**

**John 12:1-8**

**SERMON**

**Brazen Acts of Beauty**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Pass it On”**

**#477, v. 1-3**

**1.** It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that’s how it is with God’s love,  
Once you’ve experienced it:  
You spread God’s love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.

**2.** What a wondrous time is spring,  
when all the trees are budding,  
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
that’s how it is with God’s love,  
once you’ve experienced it:  
you want to sing, it’s fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on.

**3.** I wish for you my friend,  
this happiness that I’ve found -  
on God you can depend  
it matters not where you’re bound;  
I’ll shout it from the mountain top,  
I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

**RECOGNITION OF ALLY BOZEKA, Children’s Minister**

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Stand up for Jesus”**  
*[Franklin Ritter]*

**Jan Green**

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

*You are ALL invited to the Fellowship Hall following worship for  
a cake reception for Ally Bozeka.*