



May 8, 2022

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 5th 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.
- **We have resumed the passing of communion. If you prefer, we 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).**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

“Poco Allegretto”

Jan Green

[by J. Brahms, arr. Wm. Barnett]

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-9

***RESPONSE**

“Weave”

#495

*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**

Laura Parker

ONE: We've come to worship God,

ALL: who loved us before we were yet born,

ONE: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

ALL: whose presence never leaves us,

ONE: and whose love for us never ceases.

ALL: This is our God! Let's worship together!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

#90, v.1-2

1 Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise we with gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend

on whom we can depend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Laura Parker

Invitation

Offeratory *Music: "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" by A. Giamanco*

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

Laura Parker

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney



***COMMUNION**

Meditation

Communion Hymn

"We Come as Guests Invited"

Nancy Humes

#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

Words of Institution

Music: Meditation on "Trust is Jesus" by Susanna Keeney

Nancy Humes

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SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:5-9

SERMON

On the Threshold

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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“A Cheerful Trumpet”
[by Patricia Lou Harris]

Jan Green

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

Happy Mother’s Day to ALL!