



**June 12, 2022**  
**Setting Limits, Finding Balance**

**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.
- **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](http://mantuacentercc.org)).**

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## June 12, 2022

# PRELUDE

**“Lord, I’m Coming Home”**  
[by W.J. Kirkpatrick]

## Sarah Park

# WELCOME

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

## Galatians 5:13-14

**\*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

## Aspen Baynes

ONE: Breath of God, Breath of Life, Breath of Deepest Yearning,

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

ONE: Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Enthusier,

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

## ONE: Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of Truth, Midwife of Change

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

ONE: The Holy One is with us!

**ALL: Pour out your Spirit upon us so we might transform!**

*Written by Margaret D. McGee*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

## “ We Gather Together”

**#276, v. 1**

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,  
To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;  
The pow'rs that oppress us no cease to distress us.  
O'God, be present with us, and make your will known.

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Aspen Baynes

Invitation

Offertory

**Music: “Still”** [by Reuben Morgan]

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

Aspen Baynes

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

## \*COMMUNION

Meditation

MaryEllen Derthick

Communion Hymn

#417, v.1-2

**“We Place Upon Your Table, Lord”**

**1** We place upon your table, Lord,  
the food of life, the bread and wine,  
as symbols of our daily work,  
according to your grand design.

**2** Within these simple things there lie  
the height and depth of human life:  
our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils,  
our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

MaryEllen Derthick

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

**Music: “More Love to Thee”** [by W.H. Doane]

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 19:1-13

## SERMON

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**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**

**#77 v. 1 & 2**

**1** You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in God’s shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

***[Refrain]***

***And I will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.***

**2** The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
Under God’s wings your refuge, God’s faithfulness your shield. ***[Refrain]***

**PRAYER LITANY OF FAREWELL**

ONE: Lord, we know you go with Doug and Jessy to another place, another community, another task.

**ALL: We are sad to see them go, but we recognize that, just as they have been your gift to us, so now they go as a gift to another part of your world.**

ONE: We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage diverge.

**ALL: We thank you for all that we have done or learned or shared together.**

ONE: We pray for the community to which they go, that they will value them, support them, learn from them, and encourage them.

**ALL: We pray for ourselves as we move forward without their presence, but knowing we will always be in each other’s hearts.**

ONE: As we part, we reaffirm that it has been your Spirit, O God, who brought us together in the first place, your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship;

**ALL: And it is your Spirit who goes with Jessy and Doug and your Spirit who stays with us;**

ONE: Your Spirit who keeps us all together in the worldwide family of your church.

**ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**POSTLUDE**

**“I Come to the Garden Alone”**  
*[by C.A. Miles]*

**Sarah Park**

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

- *Please join us following worship in the Fellowship Hall to see more beautiful and unique artwork by Jessy Rice. We extend our heartfelt appreciation and love to Doug & Jessy during their time with MCCC, and we wish them all the blessings that God has to offer in their journey and new life in North Carolina!*