

August 28, 2022 The Most Prestigious Job in the World

Mantua Center Christian Church

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If you choose to attend in person, please be aware of the following:

- Because the Covid virus is now spreading rapidly in Portage County, we recommend
 wearing masks at church, at your discretion. Please use your discretion on masking,
 handshakes, and hugs as each person feels comfortable. Thank you for your
 patience, prayers, and feedback.
- 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.
- After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run until the end of worship.
- We have resumed the passing of communion. If you prefer, we 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 August 28, 2022

PRELUDE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Sarah Park

[by A.J. Gordon]

WELCOME Roger Cram

OPENING SCRIPTURE Luke 10:27

*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

Liz Meeker

ONE: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

ALL: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place

ONE: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

ALL: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

ONE: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

ALL: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

~ written by Katherine Hawker

*OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #100, v. 1 & 3

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!
- **3** Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation Liz Meeker

Offertory

Music: "I Can Hear My Savior Calling" [by J.S. Norris]

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 Liz Meeker

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Roger Cram

PASTORAL PRAYER Roger Cram

*COMMUNION

Meditation Brian Hurd Communion Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #587, v.1-2

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

[Refrain:]
In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. [Refrain]

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Brian Hurd

Roger Cram

Music: "Let Us Sing of His Love" [by J.P. Webster]

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13 1-7

SERMON "The Most Prestigious Job In the World" Roger Cram

*CLOSING HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#73, v. 1-4

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
- **2** There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
- **3** For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
- 4 If our love were but more simple, we would rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of the Lord.

BENEDICTION Roger Cram

POSTLUDE

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

[by W.J. Kirkpatrick]

Sarah Park

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church.

- Please feel free to join in our Sunday "Chat" downstairs in the Campbell Room. Everyone is WELCOME!
- Today is our "4th for the 4C's". If you forgot your donations . . . monetary donations are also welcomed!
- MARSI will be sponsoring their monthly brunch at the old Mantua Center School today (8/28) from 12-2pm. It will be an Italian theme. Eat-in or Take-out available. Donations are gratefully accepted!
- All potential Choir members please add your name and required information to the Choir Sign-up Sheet in the entryway of the church! The first Choir Rehearsal will be <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 4th at 8:45am</u>! Hope to see everyone there!