



October 16, 2022
“The Five Sisters”

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:

- 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
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PRELUDE **“Come, Thou Almighty King”** **Sarah Park**
[by F. DeGiardini]

WELCOME **Rev. Chad Delaney**

OPENING SCRIPTURE **James 2:14-17**

***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** **Cheryl Delaney**

ONE: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,

**ALL: knowing that when our spirits have grown cold, God
rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

ONE: We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the
branches of the tree of life.

**ALL: knowing that while friends may turn against us, God
transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**

ONE: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,

**ALL: knowing that even when life is no picnic, God prepares
a feast for us.**

~Written by Thom Shuman

***OPENING HYMN** **“Bring Many Names”** **#10, v. 1-2, 4-5**

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God. Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

2 Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play: Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair: Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have: Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Cheryl Delaney

Offertory

Music: “My Life, My Love I Give to Thee ” [by C. R. Dunbar]

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

Cheryl Delaney

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

***COMMUNION**

Meditation

Steve Hurd

Communion Hymn “Seed, Scattered, and Sown”

#395, v. 1 & 3

Refrain:

**Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.**

1 Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? **[Refrain]**

3 As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,
so may the church of God be gathered into one. **[Refrain]**

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Steve Hurd

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Music: “Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee ” [Arr. by W. Shield]

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 27:1-11

SERMON

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***CLOSING HYMN “Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant” #490, v. 1, 2, & 4**

1. Sister, let me be your servant. brother, let me walk with you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey. fellow travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

4. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony.
born of all we've known together of great love and agony.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”
[by W. B. Bradbury]

Sarah Park

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

All are welcome to join any of our Sunday classes following worship!

- *“Seeking Enlightenment” class downstairs in the Campbell Room.*
- *Sunday School (Grades 5th – 12th)*
- *“Life 101” class led by Carol Buzbee*

Feel free to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for some donuts, tea and coffee!

Also, at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall, please join us in honoring C.J. Delaney as he receives his Eagle Scout Award! Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.