

October 2, 2022 "Horse and Rider into the Sea"

Mantua Center Christian Church Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms Rev. Chad Delaney, Senior Minister

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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 October 2, 2022

PRELUDE "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

Sarah Park

[by L. Hartsough]

WELCOME Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:16-17

*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

ONE: God of Creation, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today.

ALL: You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it.

ONE: God of Light! You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving.

ALL: You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving.

ONE: God of Love! We celebrate your love and presence with us!

ALL: Let us worship the Lord with hearts, hands, and voices!

~ written by Nancy C. Townley

*OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#2, v.1-2, 4

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart. Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife, joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation Cheryl Delaney
Offertory

Music: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine [by P. P. Knapp]

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

Rev. Chad Delaney

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

*COMMUNION

Meditation **Communion Hymn**

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Rev. Nancy Humes

#351, v.1-2

1 Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy; and then I heard my Savior speaking; "Draw from my well that never shall run dry"

Refrain:

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

2 There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasure earthly things afford; but none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord. [Refrain]

Prayer & Lord's Prayer Words of Institution Rev. Nancy Humes Rev. Chad Delaney

Music: "What Can Wash Away My Sin" [by R. Lowry]

SCRIPTURE Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21

SERMON "Horse and Rider into the Sea"

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*CLOSING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

#631, v.1

till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

"Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus" [by W. J. Kirkpatrick]

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

Please note that our "Re-Centering Gathering" has been rescheduled to November 6th, following worship on All Saints Sunday.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us!