

November 20, 2022

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:

- 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 of the church.
- 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 November 20, 2022

PRELUDE "I Come to the Garden Alone"

Sarah Park

[by C. A. Miles]

WELCOME Rev. Chad Delaney

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:33-34

*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

Sandi Kossick and Youth Leader

ONE: We welcome everyone to this place!

YL: A place to get some spiritual rest and comfort

ALL: A place to come and lay our troubles down

ONE: We welcome everyone who hopes to grow in their faith

YL: Who hopes God will meet us here and teach us something new

ALL: Who are excited to wonder, seek, and explore

ONE: We welcome everyone who is looking for a spiritual home

YL: Who want to feel safe to ask questions and to be themselves

ALL: Who want a little company on this journey of life

ONE: Whoever we are...

YL: Wherever we are on life's journey...

ALL: God meets us here and all are welcome here!

*OPENING HYMN #284, v. 1-4

"Gather Us In"

1 Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreaming's, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in; our spirits inflame. Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young--our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in--the rich and the haughty; gather us in--the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
 - 3 Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
 - 4 Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven light years away, Here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation Sandi Kossick

Offertory

Music: "O, Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder" [by E. A. Edgren]

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 Sandi Kossick

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

*COMMUNION

Meditation Pam Baynes
Communion Hymn #400, v. 1-2

"When You do This, Remember Me"

1 You my friend, a stranger once, do now belong to heaven. Once far away, you are brought home into God's family. ""When you do this, remember me.""

2 Now my Lord is also yours, my people are your own; embraced together in God's arms, I enfold you now in mine. "When you do this, remember me."

Prayer & Lord's Prayer Words of Institution

Pam Baynes Rev. Chad Delaney

Music: "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee" [Arr. By W. Shield]

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 13:1-2 & Matthew 25:34-36

SERMON "Being Welcome" MCCC Youth

*CLOSING HYMN "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" #433, v. 1-2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "There's Sunshine in My Soul Today" Sarah Park

[by J. R. Sweney]

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church.

- Please take a few minutes to join us prior to Sunday classes to help with the "Hanging of the Greens" in our sanctuary! Many hands makes quick work!
- All are welcome to join in any of our Sunday classes following worship:
 - (1) "Seeking Enlightenment" led by Rev. Nancy Humes,
 - (2) "Life 101" led by Carol Buzbee
 - (3) Sunday School for grades 5th-12 led by Rev. Chad Delaney.