



**January 8, 2023**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

**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:**

- 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 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 of the church.
- **After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://mantuacentercc.org)).

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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**PRELUDE**               **"O Worship the King all Glorious Above"**  
[Arr. by W. Gardiner]

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## Sarah Park

**WELCOME** **Rev. Chad Delaney**

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**SCRIPTURE** **Isaiah 60:1-3**

## Isaiah 60:1-3

**\*RESPONSE** **“Weave”**

## “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: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

**ALL: Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...**

ONE: Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

**ALL: Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.**

ONE: Let us gather together because

**ALL: God is here.**

**\*OPENING HYMN                      “There’s a Song in the Air”**

## “There’s a Song in the Air”

**#159, v. 1-3**

**1** There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

**2** There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
See, the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

**3** We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng,  
and we welcome the glorious gospel they bring,  
and we greet in the cradle our savior and king.

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation  
Offertory  
The Doxology

Allie Owen

#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

Allie Owen

**Music:** “O Lord my God, When I in Awesome Wonder” [Arr. by E. A. Edgren]

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

## COMMUNION

Meditation  
Communion Hymn

Brian Hurd

#402, v. 1-2

**“According to Thy Gracious Word”**

**1** According to thy gracious word, in meek humility,  
this will I do, my dying Lord, I will remember thee.

**2** The body, broken for my sake, my bread from heaven shall be;  
Thy testamental cup I take, and thus remember thee.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer  
Words of Institution

Brian Hurd  
Rev. Chad Delaney

**Music:** “Jesus, My Lord, to Thee I Cry” [by L. D. Sankey]

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-15

## SERMON

“When God Shows Up”

Rev. Chad Delaney

## \*CLOSING HYMN

“We Three Kings”

#172, v. 1 & 5

**1** We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**[Refrain]**

***O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.***

**5** Glorious now behold him arise, Christ and God and sacrifice:  
alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. **(Refrain)**

## 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 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 5<sup>th</sup>-12 led by Rev. Chad Delaney.