



January 29, 2023
Founder's Day

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 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).

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Allie Owen

Offertory

Music: "I Have Found a Friend in Jesus" [by J. R. Murray]

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

Allie Owen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

COMMUNION

Meditation

Pete Pruszynski

Communion Hymn "Come, Share the Lord"

#408, v. 1-3

1 We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

*No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

*We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Prayer

Pete Pruszynski

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Music: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" [Arr. by L. Mason]

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-9

SERMON

"Dynamic Witness"

Rev. Chad Delaney

FOUNDER'S DAY RE-INACTMENT

Response:

We affirm the principle of faith in Jesus Christ and the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. We stand firm with our Founders and re-establish this covenant with God and each other to be a church which serves God insofar as we understand our calling in this time and place. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

#357, v.1, 4-5

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

1 We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day
As women, men, and children, we serve Christ's path to clear
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

4 We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed
To share the cup of wine and the bread with all in need;
To work 'til God's compassion and righteousness prevail
'Til all this planet's people know justice without fail.

5 So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise
We go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

INVITATION FOR MISSION UPDATES:

Ministry Leaders and congregants are welcome to come forward to the mic to give a mission update or share ways for people to get involved in missions and ministries.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“The Trusting Heart to Jesus Clings”

Sarah Park

[by W. J. Kirkpatrick]

*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 5th-12 led by Rev. Chad Delaney.
- **Please join us at 12:00 for our Founder's Day Pot-Luck lunch!**
- **All Chi-Rho and CYF Youth are welcome to join in our SkyLane Bowline Event in Garrettsville TODAY, from 4-6pm! Bring a friend. \$5 fee includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and drinks!**

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- Several **Weekly Calendars of Events for MCCC and Community** are available at the entrance of the church. Feel free to take one to help keep on top of all the activities, meals, and fellowship available! **If you would like to receive weekly email updates or would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Sandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org.**
- **Daytime Fellowship is on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, from 1:30-2:45pm!** Stop by and join in some great conversations!
- **Life Study is also on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, from 7-8:30pm.** Learn about the Bible in an overview by Pastor Chad!
- **This week is a Kids Weekend Meals week!** “Bread Brigade” delivers bread by Tuesday, Bag Packers meet at noon on Wednesday, and Bag Deliveries are on Thursday! Thanks for all you do!
- Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 12th!** We will have an update of our “Re-Centering Event” that was held in November. New things are happening at MCCC since that meeting so please plan on joining us for a congregational update!