



March 19, 2023
Seeking: Who Sinned?

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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If you decide to attend in person, please note the following:

- **Please use your discretion with 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 if needed for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance for the children, with a picture corresponding to the sermon.
- **After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run through 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
March 19, 2023

INTROIT

Sarah Park

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Delaney

~ **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.*

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:8-10

***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

Sally Hoffman

One: Caring Shepherd, you supply all our needs.

All: We celebrate God’s generous care of us all.

One: Good Shepherd, you take us by the hand and lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.

All: We celebrate God’s compassion and understanding.

One: Gracious Shepherd, your goodness and mercy nurtures and blesses us, and it enriches our soul.

All: As we worship you, we share together in the feast you prepare for us, and it restores and refreshes us.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Take Time to be Holy”

#572, v. 1 & 3

1 Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.

3 Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory

Sally Hoffman

Offertory Music: Sarah Park

Response

“Pass it On”

#477, v. 1

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That’s how it is with God’s love
once you’ve experienced it,
you spread God’s love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.*

Offering Prayer

Sally Hoffman

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Nora Brant

Communion Hymn “Seed, Scattered, and Sown”

#395, v. 1

[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]***

Prayer
Words of Institution

**Nora Brant
Rev. Chad Delaney**

Communion Music: Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-12, 35-41

~ *Prayer of Illumination*

SERMON

“Who Sinned?”

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

#586, v. 1-3

1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

Sarah Park

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

- *Feel free to join us downstairs for a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or tea, and attend one of our Sunday classes from 10:30-12! ALL are welcome!*
- *Our MCCC Board Meeting is following Sunday classes in the Fellowship Hall from 12-1pm. Everyone is welcome to join us and hear what is happening behind the scenes at MCCC!*
- **Extra order forms for Easter Flowers are in the Narthex. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 26th. Get your orders in SOON!**
- *Feel free to take a Weekly Calendar, located in the Narthex to stay up to date on the activities at MCCC & our Community!*