



March 5, 2023
Seeking: How do we begin again?

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 5th, 2023

INTROIT

Sarah Park

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Delaney

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:10-12

***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: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

ALL: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

ONE: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

ALL: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

ONE: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

**ALL: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news
called Jesus.**

***OPENING HYMN**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#578, v. 1-4

1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

[Refrain:]

**I need thee, oh, I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

2 I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. ***[Refrain]***

3 I need thee every hour in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide or life is vain. ***[Refrain]***

4 I need thee every hour, teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. ***[Refrain]***

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

COMMUNION

Meditation

Sandi Kossick

Communion Hymn

#387, v. 1-2

“Bread of the World”

1 Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Prayer

Sandi Kossick

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Communion Music: Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-12

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“How do we begin again?”

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

#518, v. 1-4

“This is a Day of New Beginnings”

1 This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2 For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

3 Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4 In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

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

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!*