



April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday
Seeking: Who are you looking for?

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

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INTROIT

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
[Arr. from Lyra Davidica]

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

I Corinthians 15:54-58

*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

Carol Buzbee

One: What are you looking for?

All: The light before dawn and a reason to hope.

One: What are you looking for?

All: Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

One: What are you looking for?

All: A place to belong.

One: What are you looking for?

All: We are looking for the Messiah.

One: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

All: Surely God is in this place! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#216, v. 1-4

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory

Carol Buzbee

Offertory Music: "Beautiful City"

[Song by John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz]

Jon Bozeka

Response

"Give Thanks"

#528

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give Thanks!*

Offering Prayer

Carol Buzbee

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

ANTHEM

"O Praise the Living King!" *[by Lloyd Larson]*

MCCC Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Beth Schabel

Communion Hymn

"Because He Lives"

#562, v. 1

1 God sent his Son, they called him Jesus.
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

[Refrain]

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives*

Prayer

Beth Schabel

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Distribution Music: "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Sarah Park

[by R. Lowry]

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In the Garden"

The Bozekas & Ryan Lind

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

~Prayer of Illumination

SERMON

"Who are you Looking for?"

Rev. Chad Delaney

*CLOSING HYMN

"He Lives!"

#226, v. 1-3

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

[Refrain]

**He lives (he lives) he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives (he lives) he lives (he lives), Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing, will come at last. ***[Refrain]***

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind. ***[Refrain]***

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Thine is the glory”
[by G. F. Handel]

Sarah Park

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

- *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!*
- *Feel free to take a Weekly Calendar, located in the Narthex/entrance, to stay up to date on the activities at MCCC and our Community!*



*The Easter flowers displayed on
the chancel were purchased in
honor, or in memory, of a loved one:*

Carolyn Newell
In Memory of Margaret Newell

Dale & Cathy Ausperk
In Honor of our Family

Jon Secaur & Linda Idoine
**In Honor of our wonderful grandchildren,
especially our newest, Sophia Grace**

Helen Hazlett
**In Memory of George Hazlett and
Robert & Gene Grueninger**

Aja Russo

Rick & Peggy Painley
In Memory of Earl Miller and Mary Ann Painley
In Honor of Kathleen Miller and Tom Painley

Steve & Sue Hurd
In Memory of Walter & Rose Stutz & Edgar & Alice Hurd
**In Honor of Roger & Linda Hurd, and
The Delaney Family**

Paul & Liz Meeker
In Memory of Dan Meeker
In Honor of our Grandchildren

The Auble Family
In Memory of our Parents
Lois Auble and Gerald & Avis Haynam

Carla Pickens
In Memory of Betty Jane Pickens

Rev. Chad & Christin Delaney
In Honor of Fred & Cheryl Delaney,
Rick & Pat Swiger, and Pastor Len Malotte

Glenn & Teri Beck
In Memory of William & Glenda Butt and
Donald & Dorothy Beck

Stephen & Marcia Page
In Honor of our grandson Barrett Levi Feltoon

Sue Wright
In Memory of our son Jeff,
my parents Carol & Ed Dickinson, and
my in-laws Chuck & Jo Wright

Roger & Linda Hurd
In Honor of Nora Brant

Brian & Lori Hurd
In Memory of Leone Krohn and Helen Alger

Sandi & Paul Kossick
In Memory of our parents
Charles & Jean Schuur and Ed & Ruth Kossick
In Honor of our Children & Grandchildren

Art & Barb Jackson
In Memory of Donald & Francis Jackson,
James & Emily Vins, and Frank & Elaine Nicholson