



April 30, 2023
Eastertide ~ Holy Humor & Joy Sunday

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 **“There Shall be Showers of Blessing”** **Sarah Park**
[by J. McGranahan]

WELCOME ...you sure about this? **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.*

ANCIENT HOLY WORDS **Psalm 126** *(The Message)*

***WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE SONG** **#495**
*Weave, weave, weave us together, Weave us together, in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together, weave us together, together in love.*

***LET'S LIGHT THIS CANDLE** *(as Pastor Len would say)* **Carol Buzbee**
One: Joy is loose,
All: In the wiggles of the children,
One: The whispers of the youth,
All: The smiles of the adults.
One: We praise God for this glorious day,
**All: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places
and in silly ways.**
One: Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs
**All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.
Let us worship the Lord!**

***JOYFUL NOISE!** **“Take Time to Be Funny (Holy)”** **#572, v.1-3**
1 Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word
For laughter is healing, gives joy to the meek
God loves to see smiles, they give strength to the weak.
2 Take time to be silly, let the Spirit console.
Too many are somber, always grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly wholeness can be your life's goal.

3 For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and often softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.

Credit: Andrew's Chapel UMC, Holy Humor Sunday

LET US EMPTYETH OUR POCKETETHS

The "Please? Please? Please?" Talk

Carol Buzbee

Giving Time

Giving Music

"O Spread the Tidings 'Round"

Sarah Park

Giving Thanks

"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!*

The "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" Prayer

Carol Buzbee

SHARE THE JOY (*Children's Moment*)

Rev. Chad Delaney

TALKIN' TO GOD (*Pastoral Prayer*)

Rev. Chad Delaney

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Table Talk

Katie Baird

Table Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

#420 v.1, 2, & 5

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Table Prayer

Katie Baird

Table Words

Rev. Chad Delaney

Table Music

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

Sarah Park

[by L. Hartsough]

ANCIENT HOLY WORDS

Acts 2:42-47

~Prayer of Illumination

NAP TIME

"Joy! Joy! Joy!....Where?"

Rev. Chad Delaney

***GRAND FINALE**

“Joy to the World” (Easter Style)

#143, v. 1-3

1 Joy to the World, the Lord's alive, awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as he said, he's risen from the dead.
Salvation now he brings, Salvation now he brings,
Salvation, salvation now he brings.

2 Joy to the World, the empty tomb, proclaims a victory
Of light compelling, a great dispelling
Of darkness in the world, Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.

3 Joy to the World, our Savior reigns,
Let Heaven and earth proclaim
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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Y'ALL COME BACK NOW

Rev. Chad Delaney

OUTRO

“Benediction Medley”
[Arr. by Mark Hayes]

Jan Green

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

- Join us downstairs for our **“Send-Off” Potluck** before Chad starts his Sabbatical tomorrow! EVERYONE IS 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!
- **THANK YOU to the Smile Team for organizing our Potluck today!** We still need a group to organize the next Potluck on July 30th, so please grab a few friends or maybe a different mission group, and volunteer for a fun event!