

Sept 3, 2023

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:

- 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 upstairs nursery is available if needed. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance for the children.
- 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 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." (You may also *Give Online* at: mantuacentercc.org).
- **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** Please see Carol Magyarics for help in setting this up.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Welcome Home Rev. Delaney & Family

PRELUDE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Sarah Park

INTROIT "Guide My Feet" Beth Schabel, Pam Auble, Karly & Ryan Lind

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.

Announcements

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:16-17 Vince Meier

*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 Vince Meier

One: Come and see the works of God,

All: God's awesome deeds among us. One: Come and hear, all who revere God,

All: God's still speaking voice in our weary world.

One: Come and touch the sacred, extraordinary in the ordinary,

All: God's presence in water, bread and wine.

By Katherine Hawker

*OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" #33

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory & Music

"All to Jesus, I Surrender"

[by W.S.Weeden]

Vince Meier
Sarah Park

*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 Vince Meier

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rick Painley

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation
*Hymn

"Come Share the Lord"

#408

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
Words of Institution

Music

"Jesus Shed His Blood for Me"

Brian Hurd
Sarah Park

[By W. H. Doane]

"It is Well With My Soul" Beth Schabel, Pam Auble, Karly & Ryan Lind

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19:1-4 Rev. Chad Delaney

SERMON One-in-a-Million Rev. Chad Delaney

*CLOSING HYMN "Let There be Peace on Earth" #677

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth the peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

BENEDICTION Rev. Chad Delaney
AND "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" Beth Schabel, Pam Auble,
Karly & Ryan Lind

POSTLUDE "The Mercy of God is an Ocean Divine"

Sarah Park

[by R. K. Carter]

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) needs volunteers, once a month, for a 2-hour shift, to pack groceries or take information from people who need help with groceries. The shifts are Monday, 4-6pm, Wednesday, 1-3pm, and Friday, 1-3pm at the Hilltop Church. Volunteers should call Kathy Hughes at 216-598-0716 or email her at: Kathy123@windstream.net for more information.

We are <u>really</u> in need of <u>good</u>, <u>reliable helpers</u> and it is such a worthy cause! The 4C's has provided food to the Crestwood Community in need, for over 35years. Only 2 hours a month to help keep this organization thriving!! (Note: This could also be a volunteer position to help students reach their Community Service goal for school!)

And . . . 4th for the 4C's will be here before you know it! The next collection date is Sunday, Sept 24th. When doing your grocery shopping this month, perhaps pick up a couple needed items for the food cupboard! <u>Items needed for September are: Paper Towels, Canned Corn, and Liquid Hand Soap.</u> Thank you, MCCC, for always being a great support to the community!

- * Jan Green is looking for volunteers to join her Dulcimer & Psaltery music group! The group has a couple extra instruments to loan out for you to try. There are extra flyers on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church with more information. Please check it out! No reading music required! No previous musical experience is necessary! Spread the word!
- * Kathleen Lewarchick is excited to bring you the Fall Season dates for her <u>Centering Prayer</u> sessions to be held at her house! (5182 Winchell Rd., Mantua, Oh) The new dates are: Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, and Nov. 11th. Please check out the details on the attached flyer, as well as the link that includes more information regarding the *Practice of Silent Reflection*. Hope you will be able to make it to one (or ALL!) of these sessions! RSVP Kathleen by the Tuesday prior to each event.
- * Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC! We have 4 FM Receivers to loan out, on a first come, first serve basis. No setup required. OR... use your own smartphone with earbuds, headphones, or hearing aids. You will need to:
 - 1) Download WaveCast Audio Receiver
 - 2) Connect to MCCCHearingAssist (The WIFI password is: ihearMCCC
 - 3) Open WaveCast app and select MCCCHearingAssist

You may also ask Carol Magyarics, our video technician, for setup tips! The best time for instructions with Carol is *EARLY* before worship, or following the service.

SPECIAL NOTE!

* The Trustees need some help from the congregation! They have MANY BOOKS in boxes, in the back "classroom" behind the chancel, that need to be removed. If anyone is able to take some to one of the following places, that would help the Trustees (and the church) tremendously! You could drop them off at the World Books drop off bin in Aurora, or take them to a library that accepts them (call ahead), or stop by a Thrift Store or 2nd Hand Store that might accept them. Or, if you know of any other places that take donated books, please let Sandi Kossick, or any of the Trustees know. Even taking 10 books at a time is truly a help!