



**October 15, 2023**  
**“The Church in Mission”**

**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:**

- The upstairs nursery is available for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance for the children.
- After the Children’s Moment, all kids through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run through the end of worship.
- We pass 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](http://mantuacentercc.org)).
- **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** Please see Carol Magyarics for help in setting this up. See more information in the bulletin insert.



**3** We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed  
To share the cup of wine and the bread with all in need;  
To work 'til God's compassion and righteousness prevail  
'Til all this planet's people know justice without fail.

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Invitation  
Offertory & Music

**Peg Ehrlinger  
Sarah Park**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**  
*[by W. M. Runyan]*

**\*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

**Peg Ehrlinger**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**Rick Painley**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Servants of God”**  
*[Todd Kendall (tune: Hanover)]*

**Jan Green**

**Congregational Singing “Rejoice in God's Saints” #476, v. 1-3**

**1** Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

**2** Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.  
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

**3** Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own.  
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Meditation

**Pete Pruszynski**

**\*Hymn**

**“Seed, Scattered, and Sown”**

**#395, v. 2-3**

***[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.**

**2** The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground will flower and have life. **[Refrain]**

**3** As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,  
So may the church of God be gathered into one. **[Refrain]**

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

**“Father, I Stretch my Hands to Thee”**  
*[Arr. by W. Shield]*

**Roger Cram**

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**Sarah Park**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 13:31-35**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**“Redwood Cones, Mustard Seeds, and Yeast”**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**#638, v. 1-3**

**“In the Bulb There is a Flower”**

**1** In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**2** There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**3** In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**POSTLUDE**

**“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”**  
*[by R. Lowry]*

**Sarah Park**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\* **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.

\* Don't forget that **"Story Time"** has returned for preschoolers, accompanied by an adult, every **Tuesday, from 10:30-11:30am**. EVERYONE IS INVITED! What a fun way to share some one-on-one time with your child, grandchild, or niece/nephew!! Contact Pam Auble with any questions: 216-308-7930.

\* Attention all **Knitters & Crocheters!** Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on **Monday 16th**. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month) Bring a friend if you wish to work on a project! All are welcome with their yarn projects or hand work creations for chit-chat and show and tell! Questions? Contact **Kathy Meier at: 330-840-8944**. Want to learn a new skill? Come join us and learn - **Prayer Shawls are always in need!**

\* **Wednesday activities have returned!** Come join us every other Wednesday from 1:15-2:30pm for our **Daytime Fellowship** led by Pastor Chad, or from 7-8:30pm for our **Life Study** gathering led by Jon Secaur. What wonderful mid-week events to join in fellowship and Bible studies! Great conversations to be had at both! The next date will be Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

\* **Kathleen Lewarchick has one more date for her Centering Prayer sessions & brunch to be held at her house!** (5182 Winchell Rd., Mantua, Oh) The next date is: **Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please check out the details on the attached flyer, as well as the link that includes more information regarding the *Practice of Silent Reflection*. Thanks to all who have attended these sessions so far. Please bring a dish to pass that serves 4-6. The main dish is provided.

RSVP Kathleen by the Tuesday prior to each event. ([kathleenmleigh@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmleigh@gmail.com))

\* **The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) next food collection is Sunday, Oct. 22nd.** Items needed for October are: **Jello, Coffee (Instant or regular - in regular sizes), and Canned Pasta.** *Monetary Donations are also welcome.*

\* After many years of running "Day of Kindness," **DOTTIE SUMMERLIN has decided to step down from heading-up this mission. She is looking for volunteers to organize and reimagine "Day of Kindness."** If you are interested in taking this mission over next year (2024), please email Dottie at [drs52652@gmail.com](mailto:drs52652@gmail.com), or call/text 440-567-1403. (In the past we have donated cookies to the local Fire and Police Depts., we have had a group making prayer shawls, sanding hand-held crosses, writing cards to those in need, making "Blessing Bags" for the homeless, helping to clean up someone's yard, etc. Any new ideas - Contact Dottie! She will be glad to get you started.

\* **Please check out our NEW "Card Station"** (put together through the combined efforts of the **Trustees and the Smile Team**) outside the Fellowship Hall, near the restrooms. We have a MCCC Congregational List, and a Prayer List (& extra lists for the taking!), and a nice selection of cards to choose from. They have also provided a basket to drop your note in - AND will even mail it for you if you need! There's nothing better than knowing that someone is thinking of you! Write out a card today! It's FREE!

**\*The “Mitten Tree” will be returning during the month of November! We are asking for donations of mittens, gloves, scarfs, hats in all sizes! These items can be homemade or store bought. These items will then be given to our Kids Weekend Meals families just before Christmas. Any extras will be donated to Food and Family Services in Ravenna for those in need. No donation is too small! Any questions? Contact Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003. Also, if anyone is interested in helping Sandi in with this mission, please let her know!**

### **A REQUEST FROM THE TRUSTEES:**

The Trustees and others within the congregation have been diligently working to clear out various closet and classroom spaces of unnecessary items. To prevent a build-up again of things that the congregants want to charitably donate to MCCC, we are asking individuals to first check with one of the Trustees to see if we can accept and can accommodate these items before dropping them off at the church. The Trustees are: Paul Meeker 330-357-6392, Pat Hoskin 440-223-6351, Brian Summerlin 440-667-9437, Randy Alger 330-221-5800, & Dale Ausperk 440-382-9971. We thank you all for your compliance with this issue!