



**October 22, 2023**  
**“All are Welcome”**

**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
***Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms***  
***Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)***  
***Pastor – Rev. Chad Delaney***

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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.



**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**STORY TIME PRESENTATION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Without Love"**  
*[words & music by Lee Dengler]*

**MCCC Choir**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Meditation

**\*Hymn**

**"In Remembrance of Me"**

**Roger Cram**  
**#403**

In remembrance of Me eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.

Take, eat, and be comforted, drink and remember too.  
That this is my body and precious blood  
shed for you, shed for you.  
In remembrance of Me search for truth.  
In remembrance of Me always love.  
In remembrance of Me don't look above,  
but in your heart, look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of Me

Prayer

Words of Institution

**Music**

**"Alas! And did my Saviour Bleed?"**  
*[by R. E. Hudson]*

**Nora Brant**  
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**Sarah Park**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 10:34-48**

**SERMON**

**"Even Then?"**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Ours the Journey"**

**#458, v. 1-2, & 4**

**1** In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

***[Refrain]***

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever more.**

**2** Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? ***[Refrain]***

**4** Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. ***[Refrain]***

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!
- \* 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, Oct. 30th.** (usually the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month). 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!* (Next dates are **Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**)
- \* **Wednesday activities have returned – BUT ARE CANCELLED THIS WEEK!** 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 **November 1st.**
- \* **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 the 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.*
- \* Don't forget **our last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck will be on Oct. 29th following worship!** Please bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with others at MCCC! Bring a friend!
- \* 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.
- \* **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. We also provided a basket to drop your note in - AND will even mail it for you! 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, scarves, & hats in all sizes! These items can be homemade, or store bought. Donations 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. Thank you Kathy Meier for helping out this year!!**

**\* Every year we celebrate *All Saints Day* to remember those who have passed away and who shared their life and faith with us and our community. We have a slideshow we share annually and want to invite you to add to it as you feel led. If you have a picture of a loved one to share in the slideshow, please send it via **email to Jon Secaur at [jsecaur@kent.edu](mailto:jsecaur@kent.edu) by Wednesday, November 1st! \*\*PLEASE include the name of the person and any other brief description as you feel appropriate.****

#### **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.