



October 29, 2023
“Fending off Attack”

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 4th 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).
- **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** Please see Carol Magyarics for help in setting this up. See more information in the bulletin insert.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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PRELUDE

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.*

Announcements

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-13

Peg Ehrlinger

***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**

Peg Ehrlinger

One: Return to the Lord.

**All: Leave behind all the pain. Leave behind all the hate.
Come back to your true life again.**

One: Return to the Lord.

**All: Abandon your sins. Abandon your fears.
Come back to repentance and hope.**

One: Return to the Lord.

**All: Discard your old ways. Give up your old sorrows.
Cling to the hope found in Christ.**

~ written by Lisa Frenz

***OPENING HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

#276, v. 1 & 3

1 We gather together to ask for God’s blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
The pow’rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O’God, be present with us, and make your will known.

3 May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory & Music

Peg Ehrlinger
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

Peg Ehrlinger

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come Thou Fount”

The Linds

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Nora Brant

***Hymn**

“These I Lay Down”

#391, v. 1-5

1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share His life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
These I lay down.

2 The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction to Christ's peace:
might be laid down.

5 Lord Jesus Christ companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet You here in bread and wine:
which You lay down.

Prayer
Words of Institution
Music

Rev. Nancy Humes
Rev. Nancy Humes
Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:6-11

SERMON

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***CLOSING HYMN**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

#254, v. 1-4

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

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 **our last “5th Sunday Potluck” for 2023 is on Oct. 29th following worship!** Please bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with others at MCCC! Bring a friend!

* **Chi-Rho (5th – 8th grades) will meet THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 29th, at Hiram Christian Church at 12:30.** Invite your classmates to join in the fun of pumpkin carving and decorating the Hiram Church for Halloween!!

* 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 by Wednesday, November 1st!** ****PLEASE include the name of the person and any other brief description as you feel appropriate.**

* 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 1st & 3rd 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. 6th & 20th)**

* **Wednesday activities will return 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 dates will be **November 1st, 15th, & 29th.**

* **Kathleen Lewarchick has one more date this year for her Centering Prayer sessions & brunch to be held at her house!** (5182 Winchell Rd., Mantua, Oh) The next date is: **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*. 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)

* **The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) next food collection is Sunday, November 26th.** Items needed for November are: **Strawberry Jam or Jelly, Canned Fruit, and Canned Pasta.** *Monetary Donations are also welcome.* Many thanks to all at MCCC for supporting the 4C's!

***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. **Special thanks to Kathy Meier for volunteering to help this year!!**

***SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PLUNGE!** It will be held on **Thursday, November 23rd from 9-11am at the "B Ranch"** (3327 Work Rd., Shalersville, Oh) More details will follow SOON!

***SAVE THE DATE FOR MCCC'S ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY!!** **Saturday, Dec. 9th at 3pm.** See the attached flyer attached to this email!!

* **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 current MCCC Congregational Lists, and Prayer Lists for the taking! We also have a nice selection of cards to choose from. There is a basket on the bulletin board to drop your card in - AND we 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!

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.