

November 12, 2023 "Stewardship: Faithful, Hopeful, Loving"

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 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 November 12, 2023 "Stewardship: Faithful, Hopeful, Loving"

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **Sarah Park INTROIT**

WELCOME

~ 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

Psalm 40:6-10

***RESPONSE** "Weave" 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**

- ONE: Come! Now is the time!
- ALL: To realign ourselves with the Good News of Jesus Christ, who humbled himself for our elevation.
- ONE: Come! Now is the Time!
- ALL: To lift up the name of Jesus, remembering his profound love for us.
- ONE: Come, Now is the Time!
- ALL: To worship the Living God!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Amazing Grace"

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come: 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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#546, vs. 1-4

#495

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liz Meeker Invitation Offertorv Sarah Park Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [by C. C. Converse]

*Response 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**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come and Give Thanks" *[by David Paxton and Colin Curtis]*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation *Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.

> [Refrain] Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on the knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me! still today, walking with me on the way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. [Refrain]

Praver Words of Institution Music

"Jesus, My Lord, to Thee I Cry" [by L. D. Sankey]

Steve Hurd Steve Hurd Sarah Park

#528

Liz Meeker

Jan Green

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Ally Bozeka

#113, vs. 1-3

"Give Thanks"

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13

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SERMON

"FAITHFUL to the Mission" **Rev. Chad Delaney**

*CLOSING HYMN

"We are One in the Spirit"

#494, vs. 1-3

1 We are One in The Spirit, We are One in The Lord. (2x) and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

[Chorus] And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love, ves, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. (2x) and together we'll spread the News that God is in our land. [Chorus]

3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side. **2x** and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. [Chorus]

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

"I am Thine, O Lord" [by W.H.Doane]

Sarah Park

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Chrístían Church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC! Ask Carol Magyarics, our video technician, for setup tips!

* Kids Weekend Meals "Adopt a Kid" program is still going on through November 15th! If you are interested in financially lending a helping hand to the kids in our community, the following is a reminder of what the costs would be. To feed a child for 1 month the cost is about \$12, 3 months is \$37, 6 months is \$73, and 12 months is **\$145.** Any support you can give will be GREATLY APPRECIATED! Questions? Contact Liz Meeker at (330) 283-4630, or email lmeeker86@gmail.com before Nov. 15th.

*Drivers Needed! On Sun. Nov. 19th, KWM is in need of drivers to deliver 40 Thanksgiving Turkey Kits to the Kids Weekend Meals families who have asked for them. Even if you are already a KWM driver, please let Liz know if you can help with this mission. Call/Text Liz at (330) 283-4530 or email Imeeker86@gmail.com

* 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, Nov, 20th (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!

* **DATE CORRECTION!!** Come join us **EVERY WEDNESDAY** from 1:15-2:30pm for our "Dwelling in the Word" (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 we have available in fellowship and Bible studies! Great conversations to be had at both!

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

***The "MITTEN TREE" has returned during the month of November!** We are asking for donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, winter headbands, & 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 KWM'S 3RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PLUNGE!** It will be held on Thursday, **November 23rd from 9-11am at the "B Ranch"** (3327 Work Rd., Shalersville, Oh) Extra sign-up forms are available in the entrance of the church and through Pete Pruszynski (330) 607-4102 who is helping Liz Meeker by organizing this mission again this year! Grab a few friends and take the plunge together in memory of Pastor Len Malotte!

* SAVE THE DATE FOR OWM'S ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 10am – 4pm! There will be a variety of vendor's and crafters, food to purchase, music, 50/50 raffle, and the Smile Team will be hosting a bake sale! Lots for everyone to enjoy! Bring your friends and family for a great time! We will need some help with this event and a sign-up sheet will be emailed soon!

*SAVE THE DATE FOR MCCC'S ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY!! <u>Saturday, Dec. 9th at 3pm.</u> 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 a Smile Team member 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! There are also extra copies of the Congregational List and the Ongoing Prayer List for the taking!

*Please Remember! 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. Also, take a close look at the sanctuary with it's newly painted walls!! Many thanks to all who helped get this project completed!!