



November 26, 2023
“Stewardship: Faithful, Hopeful, Loving”

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 (our video tech) for help in setting this up.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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INTROIT

Sarah Park

“O Worship the King all Glorious Above”
[Arr. By W. Gardiner]

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 12:1-2

Rev. Chad Delaney

***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**

Becky Tipton

One: We come together to see and hear God through the presence of one another. What shall we return to God, for all God’s goodness to us?

All: We shall return the offering of our presence—our gift to the world as God’s people.

One: Let us share at the Lord’s Table and call upon God.

All: We give thanks that God is always near!

One: We give thanks that God is always faithful!

All: We give thanks for the gift of worshipping God as one people!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Ours the Journey”

#458, vs. 1-4

1 In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering their sep’rate ways?

[Refrain]

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and evermore.**

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

3 Though we reach the highest heavens,
holding worlds at your command,
we are yet a desert people
searching for the promised land. **[Refrain]**

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

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Becky Tipton

Offertory

Music

“My Life, My Love, I Give to Thee”

Sarah Park

[by C. R. Dunbar]

***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

Becky Tipton

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Full Harvest”

Sarah Park & MCCC Choir

[by Carolyn Hamlin]

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Sandi Kossick

***Hymn**

“You Satisfy a Hungry Heart”

#429, vs. 1-2 & 4

[Refrain]

**You satisfy a hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

1 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heavenly food. **[Refrain]**

2 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? **[Refrain]**

4 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
and truth and charity **[Refrain]**

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

“Would You be Free From your Burden of Sin?”

[by L. E. Jones]

Brian Hurd

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Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116

Rev. Chad Delaney

SERMON

“LOVING Offering”

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Take My Life”

#609, vs. 1-3 & 6

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing;
unto God my praise I bring.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

ADVENT PREPARATION AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“There’s Sunshine in My Soul”

Sarah Park

[by J. R. Sweney]

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * **Hearing Assistance** is now available at MCCC! Ask Carol Magyarics, our video technician, for setup tips!
- * **Don't forget to fill out and return your Pledge Cards on Sunday, Nov. 26th!** Just drop them in the collection basket.
- * **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 LAST DAY for "MITTEN TREE" donations is Sunday, Nov. 26th!** 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 Family & Community 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!!**
- * **TOMORROW WE WILL BE DOING THE "HANGING OF THE GREENS"** following worship, **so plan on staying a little longer tomorrow and help us out with this annual tradition! Helping hands make lighter & quicker work!**
- * **"Story Time"** for preschoolers, accompanied by an adult is **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.
- * 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!
- * **SAVE THE DATE FOR OWM'S ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 10am – 4pm at the old Mantua Center School!** 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! There are a variety of foods that will be needed, as well as volunteers to help serve food, set-up tables, and clean-up, AND . . . baked good items (not pies) for the **SMILE TEAM BAKE SALE.** A sign-up sheet will be passed around at church this **Sunday!** If you can't make it to church, please contact Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003, or Pat Hoskin (440) 223-6351. (Monetary donations are also appreciated!)
- * Attention all **Knitters & Crocheters!** Meet us at the **Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday, Dec. 4th and Dec. 18th** (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!*
- * **The FREE CLOTHING & DIAPER GIVEAWAY WILL RETURN ON SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH FROM 9AM-12PM** at the St. Joseph Church school building in Mantua!! This is the last event of the year. Everything is free for the taking. If you would like to help out this organization, they are in need of new packages of diapers in sizes 4, 5, & 6, & LARGE black trash bags. Questions? Contact Lynn Kelley at (330) 990-8912. This is a collaborative effort of area churches. **Churches working together – PERFECT!**
- * **SAVE THE DATE FOR MCCC'S ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Saturday, Dec. 9th from 3-7pm.** See the flyer attached to this email, or on the bulletin board in the front entrance of the church.
- * **Please check out our NEWISH "Card/Care 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 left-hand 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!**

*** Remember!** Please check with one of the Trustees to see if we can accept and can accommodate any donated 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 its newly painted walls!! Many thanks to all who helped the Trustees get this project completed!! Extend a personal “Thanks” to those who have made our church so beautiful, & just in time for the holidays!