



January 14, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

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 or Rick Painley (our video techs) for help in setting this up.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Pam Baynes

Offertory

Music:

“When Peace Like a River Attendeth my Way

Sarah Park

[By P. P. Bliss]

***Response**

“Make Me a Blessing”

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing.

Out of my life may Jesus shine;

make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray.

Make me a blessing to someone today.

Offering Prayer

Pam Baynes

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A New Song”

Jan Green

[by Dennis Eliot]

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Nora Brant

***Communion Hymn**

#413, vs. 1-2

“Take our Bread”

[Refrain]

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you;

Take our lives, O Dear God, we are yours, we are yours.

1 Yours as we stand at the table you set;
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can’t forget.

We are the sign of your life with us yet,

we are yours, we are yours. **[Refrain]**

2 Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.

We are poor, but we’ve brought ourselves the best that we could,

we are yours, we are yours. **[Refrain]**

Prayer

Rev. Nancy Humes

Words of Institution

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Music

“On a Hill Far Away”

Sarah Park

[by G. Bennard]

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-11

SERMON

“Expanding our Well”

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

“O, for a World”

#683, vs. 1-5

- 1** O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
- 2** O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
- 3** We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice,
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
- 4** The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
- 5** O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Standing on the Promises”
[by R. K. Carter]

Sarah Park

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

MCCC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * **Hearing Assistance** is now available at MCCC! Ask Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley, our video technicians, for setup tips!
- * **MANY THANKS to all those who contributed to November's MITTEN TREE collection!** Though we do not have an official total number of items, we had plenty of items to include in all the Kids Weekend Meals bags for Christmas! We also had an *abundance* of hats this year. **We had a combined total of 86 hats that were donated by Nancy Whaley (Hilltop Church) and Jeannine Hausch from the Long Tail Knits store in Northfield!** It was an amazing surprise, and we are so grateful to Nancy Whaley and Jeannine Hausch as well as all the members of MCCC who gave from their hearts to help our community and beyond. Remember, anyone is welcome to contribute, and homemade items can be worked on (or purchased) at any time of year! (We collect mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and winter headbands for Crestwood families in need at Christmas.) If you know anyone who might like to contribute to our items each November, contact Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003 or Kathy Meier (330) 840-8944. We appreciate your generosity, your time, and your talents!
- * **FREE 2024 Calendars are available for the taking!** They are in the entryway of the church as well as the lower level entrance. Even take one for a friend who needs one!
- * **"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.
- * **WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS!!** Come join us every Wednesday from 1:15-2:30pm for our **"Dwelling in the Word"** (Daytime Fellowship) led by Pastor Chad, or from 6:30-8:00pm for our **BOOK STUDY** led by Jon Secaur. What wonderful mid-week events we have available for fellowship and Bible studies!
- * **FREE CLOTHING & DIAPER GIVEAWAY FOR 2024 IS ALMOST HERE!!!.** If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile mission located at St. Joseph School building, they are in need of the following items: **donations of new packages of diapers in ALL sizes & LARGE black trash bags, as well as clothing donations to replenish their supplies!** Start your spring cleaning early and donate some clothes if you are able. Questions? Contact Lynn Kelley at (330) 990-8912 (or Nancy Tafel). *This is a collaborative effort of area churches.* The next Free Clothing Giveaway will be at St. Joes on Saturday, Feb. 10th from 9-noon. Clothes may be dropped off at the yellow shed at the south side of our church. This giveaway is open to literally EVERYONE! Take as much as you want – no questions asked! Spread the word!
- * **LOAVES & FISHES IS RETURNING Thursday, January 25, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6:30pm!!** Please join us and *bring your friends.* This is a FREE Community Meal for anyone and everyone! Menu will be: Grilled Ham and Cheese sandwiches, Soup, Fruit, and various desserts. It's a FUN time for sure! Donations are gratefully accepted but not required. If you would like to volunteer your time, just once a month, contact Carolin Newell at (330) 606-7125.
- * **The 4C's** (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) next food collection is Sunday, January 28, 2024. Items needed for January are: **Dish Soap, Canned Pasta, & Canned Fruit.** *Monetary Donations are also welcome.* Many thanks to all at MCCC for supporting the 4C's!
- * **CHANGED DATES for Knitters & Crocheters!** Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday January 15th and 29th (We will resume our usual schedule in February. (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. *Prayer Shawls are always in need!*
- * **Don't forget we have a NEWISH "Card/Care Station"** We have the most recently updated MCCC Congregational Lists, and Ongoing Prayer Lists for the taking! Also provided is 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 if you need! 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 any donated items before dropping them off at the church. The Trustees are: Paul Meeker, Pat Hoskin, Brian Summerlin, Randy Alger, & Dale Ausperk.