



January 21, 2024
Forgiveness

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.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

“Love Divine, all Loves Excelling”

Sarah Park

[by J. Zundel]

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 READING

Colossians 3:12-13

Rev. Chad Delaney

WELCOMING SONG

“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

#490, v. 2

We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other,
Walk the mile and bear the load.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Baynes

One: The word of God came to Jonah

All: The word of God comes to us:

One: Go

All: Despite your fears

One: Speak

All: the truth of God

One: Love

All: your neighbor and you enemy

One: Forgive

All: as you have been forgiven

One: Receive

All: grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

~ Written by Joanna Harader

*OPENING HYMN

#73, vs. 1-4

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we would rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of the Lord.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Pam Baynes

Offertory

Music:

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

Sarah Park

[By W. S. Weeden]

***Response**

“Make Me a Blessing”

[Refain]

**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

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Steve Hurd

***Communion Hymn**

#340, vs. 1-3

“Softly and Tenderly”

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

[Refrain]

***Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,)
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"***

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? **[Refrain]**

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. **[Refrain]**

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

[Arr. by L. Mason]

Beth Schabel

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Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 & 4:5

SERMON

“Forgiveness Matters”

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

#323, vs. 1-3

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

“When we Walk With the Lord”

[by W. H. Doane]

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, for set-up tips.
- * **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH!!** Don't forget that OWM will have a meeting in the sanctuary immediately following worship on **Sunday, Jan. 21st**. It is very important that **ALL** women attend if possible. We will be voting on what missions we will gift our earned money to for 2023. We need your vote! Your voice matters!
- * **MCCC Board Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 21st from 12-2pm**. All are welcome to join us and hear about the upcoming changes that the Trustees have gotten quotes on.
- * **CYF is gathering to make cookie mixes for 85 families in Kids Weekend Meals program, from 6-8pm at MCCC on Sun. Jan. 21st**. Bring your friends!
- * **Please don't miss NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 28th** for our **197th MCCC Birthday Celebration!** We will offer cake and listen to Everett Baynes' presentation about his Scout trip this summer to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Please stay after for cake & to hear Everett's presentation!
- * **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!
- * **CYF will be going Tobogganing** in the Metro Park next Sunday, Jan. 28th, and are to meet at MCCC at 12 noon. The expected time of return is 5pm. Please get in touch with Pam Auble asap if you plan to attend.
- * **"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 2024 Calendars are available for the taking!** They are located in the entryway of the church as well as by the window of the lower level entrance. Even take one for a friend who needs one!
- * **FREE CLOTHING & DIAPER GIVEAWAY FOR 2024 IS coming soon!!!** 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! There are extra flyers with all the upcoming dates in the entry of the church!
- * **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, Potato Chips, and various desserts. It's a **FUN** time for sure! Monetary 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.
- * **CHANGED DATE for Knitters & Crocheters!** Meet us at the **Hilltop Church** from **1:30-3:00pm on Monday 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!*
- * **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.
- * **Don't forget we have a NEWISH "Card/Care Station"** We have copies of 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!**