



**March 24, 2024**  
**Palms to the Garden 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.
- **Want to schedule a meeting with Chad?** Click on the following link or check our website!  
<https://calendly.com/pastormccc/meeting?month=2024-02>.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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**PRELUDE**

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**  
*[by J. Threlfall]*

**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***

**WELCOMING SONG**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

**#53**

“Praise!” They were singing, shouting “Hosanna!”  
All a bright future, nothing a loss!  
Soon they will shout out, “Give us Barabbas!”  
Abandon Jesus, lone on the cross.  
*(words by Jon Secaur)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Frederic Vigne**

ONE: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**ALL: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

ONE: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for,  
he is the Word who sustains us.

**ALL: We wave palm branches in anticipation,  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

ONE: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

*— written by Thom Shuman*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**#192, vs. 1-3**

**“All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

**1** All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are a child of Israel, Great David’s greater son;  
you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed One!

**2** The company of angels are praising you on high,  
and, we with all creation in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

**3** To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.  
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

## INVITATION TO GIVE

Invitation to Give

**Frederic Vigne**

Offertory

**Music:**

**“I Could Not Do Without Thee”**

**Sarah Park**

*[by S. Ferreti]*

**\*Response**

**“Accept, O God, The Gifts we Bring”**

**#379, 2 lines**

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,  
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.

Offering Prayer

**Frederic Vigne**

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

### **FROM PALMS TO THE GARDEN**

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

One: God of Everlasting Love . . .

**Response: Help us choose the path that leads to the cross.**

## I. Jesus Cleanses the Temple

**Carol Magyarics**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:12-17**

**LESSON from the GARDEN**

**MUSIC**

**“O Young and Fearless Prophet”**

**#669, vs. 1-2**

**1** O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,  
your life is still a summons to serve humanity;  
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.

**2** We marvel at the purpose that held you to your course  
while ever on the hilltop before you loomed the cross;  
your steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone,  
while we betray so quickly and leave you there alone.

**II. The Greatest Commandment**  
**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:34-40**  
**LESSON from the GARDEN**

**Sandi Kossick**

**MUSIC**      **“What Wondrous Love is This”**      **The Linds & Beth Schabel**

**III. The Anointing at Bethany**  
**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:6-13**  
**LESSON from the GARDEN**

**Rick Painley**

**MUSIC**                              **“Where He Leads Me”**                              **#346, v. 1**

1 I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

*[Refrain]*  
**Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow—  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.**

**IV. The Passover with the Disciples**  
**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:14-25**  
**LESSON from the GARDEN**

**Rev. Nancy Humes**

**MUSIC**                              **“The Cross of Calvary”**                              **Jan Green**  
*[by Charles Gounod]*

**V. The Lord’s Supper**  
Meditation  
\*Hymn

**Brian Hurd**  
**#387, vs. 1-2**

**“Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”**

1 Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spoken,  
and in whose death our sins are dead:

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
look on the tears by sinners shed;  
and be thy feast to us the token  
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Prayer  
Words of Institution  
**Music**

**Beth Schabel**  
**Beth Schabel**  
**Sarah Park**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**VI. The Garden of Gethsemane**  
**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:36-42**  
**LESSON from the GARDEN**

**Katie Baird**

**MUSIC**

**“’Tis Midnight, and on Olive’s Brow”**

**#194, vs. 1-4**

**1** ’Tis midnight, and on Olive’s brow  
the star is dimmed that lately shone;  
’tis midnight, in the garden now  
the suffering Savior prays alone.

**2** ’Tis midnight, and from all removed,  
the Savior wrestles lone with fears;  
e’en that disciple whom he loved  
heeds not the Savior’s grief and tears.

**3** ’Tis midnight, and for others’ guilt  
the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;  
yet he that has in anguish knelt  
is not forsaken by his God.

**4** ’Tis midnight, and from heavenly plains  
is borne the song that angels know;  
unheard by mortals are the strains  
that sweetly soothe the Savior’s woe.

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**#587, vs. 1-2**

**“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

**1** Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain.

***[Refrain]***

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**2** Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. ***[Refrain]***

**POSTLUDE**

**“When We Walk With the Lord”**  
*(Please remain seated for the closing postlude)*

**Sarah Park**

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

## **HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

Please join us on 3/28 for the Maundy Thursday service to be held at Hiram Christian Church at 7pm. All are welcome! Then, on Easter Sunday 3/31, at 6:45am, we will start off the day with a Sunrise Service at Derthick's Hill, off Rt. 82. Then from 8:15-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall, an Easter Breakfast will be served, with donations benefiting the CYF Mission Trip in June. Following breakfast, we will have our Easter Worship Service at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend any of these events!

## **MCCC ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 24, 2024**

- \* **Hearing Assistance** is available at MCCC! Ask Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley, for set-up tips.
- \* **Don't forget to do a random act of kindness and to write it on the clipboard list in the entry of the church!** There is a new list for March. It's just **ONE ACT OF KINDNESS EACH WEEK!!** Questions? Ask Sandi Kossick, 330-607-7003. How many people do *YOU* think we can help?
- \* **CHOIR PRACTICE!** Sarah Park is inviting **ALL** to join us for Choir over the next few months! Please come on March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> to sing for Easter Sunday (3/31). Choir will then be practicing every Sunday morning in April and May, as we will be performing in church twice a month until the summer schedule. Come join us one and all!!
- \* **CYF is meeting THIS Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at MCCC.** Also, don't forget to sign up for our Mission Trip ASAP since space is limited and is filling up quickly! Contact Pam Auble with any questions (216) 308-7930.
- \* **The next 4C's** (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) food collection is **THIS Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Items needed for February are: **Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce & Canned Sloppy Joe Mix.** *Monetary Donations are also welcome. No donation is too small when combined with others!*
- \* **The next Loaves & Fishes Dinner is THIS Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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! (Monetary donations are gratefully accepted but *not* required.) If you would like to volunteer your time, or help in any way just once a month, text Carolin Newell at (330) 606-7125. The March menu is: Pierogi Casserole, Jello Salad, Rolls & Butter, and assorted desserts.
- \* **"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"** (scripture study) led by Pastor Chad. **There will be no evening Life Study this week.**
- \* **Attention all Knitters & Crocheters!** Meet us at the **Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> & April 15<sup>th</sup>.** (We have resumed our regular schedule of meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!*
- \* **Camp Christian's Summer Schedule** <<https://www.ccinoh.com/camp-christian/summer-programs.aspx>> is now available.
- \* **SAVE THE DATE for the annual CYF Dinner Auction on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.** The youth are raising funds for our June Mission Trip to western Kentucky. We'll be helping with the tornado recovery there. Ticket sales will begin soon.
- \* **Mark your calendars for Kathleen Lewarchick's Spring season of Centering Prayer events!** April 13, May 11, and June 8. RSVP Kathleen at [kathleenmleigh@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmleigh@gmail.com), by the preceding Tuesday to attend.
- \* **The NEXT Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway is Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon at the St. Joseph Church, school building.** If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile mission, 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 at (330) 416-0752. *This is a collaborative effort of area churches.* Clothes may be dropped off at the yellow bin at the south side of our church. This giveaway is open to literally **EVERYONE!** Spread the word! There are extra flyers with all the upcoming dates in the entry of the church!
- \* **SAVE THE TENTATIVE DATE for our annual Day of Kindness! It is "tentatively scheduled" for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please mark your calendars now! More details will be coming closer to the date.