



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
A Time to Grow: Feast

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.
- **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
March 31, 2023

PRELUDE

“Hallelujah! He is Risen”
[by P. P. Bliss]

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***

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Rev. Chad Delaney

WELCOMING SONG

“Morning Has Broken”

#53, v. 1

1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Baird

ONE: This new day is fresh with possibility to ENCOUNTER the Risen Christ.

ALL: With bright eyes, let us search.

ONE: This new day is fresh with possibility to UNDERSTAND the Risen Christ.

ALL: With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

ONE: This new day is fresh with possibility to RESPOND to the Risen Christ.

ALL: With eager devotion, let us follow.

ONE: This new day is fresh with possibility to SERVE the Risen Christ.

ALL: With humble intention, let us act.

ONE: This new day is fresh with possibility to PRAISE the Risen Christ.

ALL: With joyful praise, let us join the feast!

~ written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson

***OPENING HYMN**

#216, vs. 1-4

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Katie Baird

Offertory

Music:

“I Serve a Risen Saviour”

Sarah Park

[by A. H. Ackley]

***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

Katie Baird

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jon Bozeka

“Beautiful City”

[Song by John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz]

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

One: God of New Beginnings!

Response: Help us choose the path that leads to resurrection.

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Beth Schabel

***Communion Hymn**

“In the Garden”

#227, vs. 1-3

1 I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

[Refrain]

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.**

2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice,
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. *[Refrain]*

3 I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling. *[Refrain]*

Prayer
Words of Institution
Music

"Low in the Grave He Lay"
[by R. Lowry]

Brian Hurd
Brian Hurd
Sarah Park

SPECIAL MUSIC **"Come and Praise the Risen Lord"**
[new words by Pamela Stewart, arr. by Joseph M Martin]

MCCC Choir

SCRIPTURE
~Prayer of Illumination

John 20:1-18

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SERMON

"A Burst of Recognition"

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Thine is the Glory"

#218, vs. 1-3

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

[Refrain]

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *(Refrain)*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“God Sent His Son”
[by W. J. Gaither]

Sarah Park

Thank you for joining us this Easter morning!



The flowers displayed at the front of the sanctuary were provided by the following individuals, in Memory of, or in Honor of a loved one.

Carolyn Newell

In Memory of Margaret Newell

Sandi & Paul Kossick

*In Memory of Charles & Jean Schuur,
and Edward & Ruth Kossick*

Phil & Marie Derthick

*In Memory of Virgil & Ella Derthick,
and Michael & Mary Nyiri*

Glenn & Teri Beck

*In Memory of Bill & Glenda Butt,
and Don & Dorothy Beck*

Margie Monroe

*In Memory of Karl (Stub) Monroe,
And Lee & Frieda Monroe*

Aja Russo

*In Memory of Stephanie Blackwell (mother),
Dorothy Horne (grandma), and
Priscilla Horne (aunt)*

Ruth Anne & Frank Ruehr

*In Memory of Vic Magyarics, and Frank Ruehr Sr.
In Honor of Pat Magyarics and June Ruehr*

Lorri Calapa

*In Memory of Jacqueline Swanda,
and Patricia Calapa*

Steve Hurd

*In Memory of Edgar & Alice Hurd,
and Walter & Rose Stutz*

*In Honor of Roger & Linda Hurd,
and Russ & Kay Hurd*

Carla Pickens

(friend of Wanda & Tom Hoffman)

In Memory of Betty Jane Pickens

Nora Brant

*In Memory of Cal Brant
and Meghan Brant*

Jeff Jackson

In Honor of Art & Barb Jackson

Dave & Pam Auble

*In Memory of Gerald & Avis Haynam,
and Lois & Delbert Auble*

Dale & Cathy Ausperk

In Honor of our family

Rick & Peggy Painley

In Memory of Earl Miller, and MaryAnn Painley

In Honor of Pat Miller, and Tom Painley

Paul & Liz Meeker

In Memory of Dan Meeker

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

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 31, 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 24th and March 31st 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!
- * **Week of Compassion will be Sun. April 21st**. Don't forget to start filling your coin boxes to bring to church on that Sunday!
- * **"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. Life Study will return this week, April 3rd from 6:30-8pm! Please join us if able!
- * **Attention all Knitters & Crocheters!** Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday, April 1st & April 15th. (We have resumed our regular schedule of meeting on 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. 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 21st**. 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, by the preceding Tuesday to attend.
- * **The next 4C's** (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) food collection is Sunday, April 22nd. Items needed for April are: Canned Sloppy Joe Mix, Pancake Syrup, and Instant Mashed Potatoes. *Monetary Donations are also welcome. NO donation is too small when combined with others!*
- * **The next Loaves & Fishes Dinner is Thursday, April, 25th 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 April menu will be coming soon!
- * **The NEXT Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway is Saturday, May 11th 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 20th**. Please mark your calendars now! More details will be coming closer to the date.