



April 28, 2024
God is Love

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>.

2 In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us.
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us.
And there's quite enough hope
and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom;
for Jesus, Lord Jesus
is in this very room

3 In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world.
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world.
And there's quite enough hope
And quite enough power
To chase away any gloom;
for Jesus, Lord Jesus
is in this very room

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Karly Lind

Offertory

Music:

“Jesus, Rose of Sharon”

Sarah Park

[by C. H. Gabriel]

***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

Karly Lind

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Master, Let me Walk with Thee”

MCCC Choir

[by John Purifoy]

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

COMMUNION

Meditation

Cathy Hakala-Ausperk

***Communion Hymn**

#259

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer

Sally Hoffman

Words of Institution

Sally Hoffman

Music

“On a Hill Far Away”

Sarah Park

[by G. Bennard]

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

Rev. Chad Delaney

SERMON

“Love in Process”

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***CLOSING HYMN**

“Fill the World with Love”

#467, vs. 1-4

1 With the vision in our minds of how the world could be,
and the fullness of our heart from the suffering we see;
when we make all that we are and have part of God’s destiny,
we can fill the world with love, We can fill the world with love.

2 All the people in this world living lives of pain and fear,
crying out into the night, wondering when someone will hear;
while there are so many others having so much they can share,
can we fill the world with love, can we fill the world with love.

3 We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and to heal,
know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel;
but together as we labor God’s compassion to reveal,
we will fill the world with love, we will fill the world with love.

4 Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our dismay,
there’s a power at work within us that has promised a new day;
and the time will surely come, it will not be long delayed,
when God fills the world with love, when God fills the world with love.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Standing on the Promises”

Sarah Park

[by R. K. Carter]

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

MCCC ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 28, 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!** 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?
- * **Please stay for a few minutes following worship for a congregational meeting and building update. Thank you!**
- * **The next 4C's (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) food collection is Sunday, April 28th.** 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!*
- * **CHOIR PRACTICE!** Sarah Park is inviting ALL to join in for Choir over the next few months! Choir will be practicing **every Sunday morning in April and May, at 8:30am,** as we will be performing in church twice a month until the summer schedule begins. Come join us one and all!!
- * **Chi-Rho will be meeting Sunday, April 28th from 1-3pm at Hiram Christian Church.** We will be meeting again with Juan Fernandez who will be continuing another round of creation, building on the work of identity and agency. Hope you can all come! (Ages 5-8th grade).
- * **"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 is every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm.** Please join us if able! (See attachment for details or in the entrance of the church.)
- * **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!** Questions? Contact Lynn Kelley at (330) 990-8912 or Nancy Tafel at (330) 416-0752. *This is a collaborative effort of area churches.*
- * **Mark your calendars for Kathleen Lewarchick's Spring season of CENTERING PRAYER events!** The next event is **Saturday, May 11, from 9-12.** RSVP Kathleen at kathleenmleigh@gmail.com, by the preceding Tuesday to attend. (See the attachment to this email for more information!) Future events are **May 11, and June 8.**
- * **Attention all Knitters & Crocheters! Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday, May 6th & 20th.** (We meet 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.
- * **The next Loaves & Fishes Dinner is Thursday, May 30th 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 May menu will be coming soon.
- * **NEW DATE FOR "DAY OF KINDNESS"!** It will now be **SUNDAY, JULY 14TH** following worship & Sunday classes. We will also have a pot-luck lunch that day, with on-site and off-site kindness activities to participate in. **Please mark your calendars!** More details will be coming soon!