



**May 5, 2024**

**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

May 5, 2024

## PRELUDE

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**  
*[by Tracey C. McKibben]*

Jan Green

## 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

Psalm 19:1-4

Rev. Chad Delaney

## WELCOMING SONG

**“Here We Gather”**

#294

Here we gather as God’s people  
with our friends from far and near;  
let our voices sound with praises  
knowing Christ has called us here.  
Now we seek and greet each other,  
now in joy approach our friends.  
Here we mingle, bound together  
as to all our love extends.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Travis Brant

ONE: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

**ALL: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

ONE: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

**ALL: we bring the songs which have echoed in our  
hearts all week long.**

ONE: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

**ALL: Let’s sing and proclaim God’s story!**

## \*OPENING HYMN

#56, vs. 1-2, & 4

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**1** For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**2** For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

**Travis Brant**

Offertor

Music:

**“Love is Flowing”**  
*[by Darlene Sims]*

**Jan Green**

\*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

**Travis Brant**

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**“I Love Thee, My Lord”**

**Jan Green**

*[by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. (from “Christian Harmony”)]*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

## COMMUNION

Meditation

**Sally Hoffman**

\*Communion Hymn

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

**“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”**

1 All who hunger gather gladly; Holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer

**Kathleen Lewarchick**

Words of Institution

**Kathleen Lewarchick**

Music

**“When There is Love at Home”**  
*[Roger C. Wilson]*

**Jan Green**

## SCRIPTURE

**1 John 5:1-6**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

## SERMON

**Ryan Lind**

**“Community Supported Agriculture and  
Other Potential Miracles (or Against Self Checkout)”**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Take My Gifts”**

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

- 1** Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,  
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!
- 2** Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humor, laced with laughter--flavor of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.
- 3** Take whatever I can offer--gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**POSTLUDE**

**“The Love of God is Steadfast”**

**Jan Green**

*[by Colin Curtis]*

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

*\*Special Thanks*

*to Jan Green for providing our music this morning,*

*and to Ryan Lind for his sermon!*

*What a blessed congregation we are!*

## MCCC ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 5, 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?
- \* **The next 4C's** (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) food collection is **Sunday, May 26th**. Items needed for May are: **Bar Soap, 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 several weeks! Choir will be practicing **every Sunday morning in May (EXCEPT May 5<sup>th</sup>)**, at 8:30am, as we will be performing in church twice a month until the summer schedule begins. Come join us one and all!!
- \* **"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 **NEXT 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!** 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. (We meet 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.
- \* **The next Loaves & Fishes Dinner** is **Thursday, May 30<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 May menu is: Baked Chicken Legs, Salad, Green Beans, Roll & Butter, & assorted desserts.**
- \* **NEW DATE FOR "DAY OF KINDNESS"!** It will now be **SUNDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>** 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!
- \* **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT POTLUCK AT MCCC!** The date is **JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> following worship**. Please bring a dish to share - ALL are welcome!