



February 16, 2025
Camp Christian 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 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run through the end of Sunday Classes at 12pm.
- **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

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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

“Spirit of the Living God”

#259

*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*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Frederic Vigne

ONE: We have come to this special place which has been set apart from
the rest of the world for the worship of God.

**ALL: Here in the midst of all God has made, let us turn our
minds from other things and think about the presence of
God in this place.**

ONE: To help us to do this, the symbol of God being present with us will
now be placed on the altar.

**ALL: O Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker, for the Lord is our God.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

SONG OF INVOCATION

“Seek Ye First”

#354, v. 1

*1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia*

INVOCATIONAL RESPONSE

ONE: The candles on the altar are a symbol of God's presence and our worship of God. *Let us pray: O God, who loves us more than we can ever know, help us to worship you with our whole hearts.*

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps 19:14)

OPENING SONG

“Sing Hallelujah”

#32, vs. 1-3

1 Sing Hallelujah

2 Jesus is Risen from the Dead

3 He's coming back to take us home

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Frederic Vigne

Offertory

Music:

“Far Away in the Depths of my Spirit”

Sarah Park

[by W. G. Cooper]

***Response**

“Let All Things Now Living”

#717

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.*

Offering Prayer

Frederic Vigne

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

THE MESSAGE FROM GOD

Special Music

“Fantasy in Hyfrydol”

MCCC Handbells

[arr. by Hal Hopson]

MORNING PRAYERS

Song

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

#305

*Lord, listen to your children praying....
Lord, send your spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace...*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Chad Delaney

Prayer Response (acapella)

*Spirit, I adore you,
Lay my life before you
How I love you*

LITANY OF PREPARATION

Rev. Chad Delaney

ONE: The word of the Lord abides forever. (1 Peter 1:25)

ALL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Ps 119:105)

ONE: Open my eyes that I may see the wonderful things out of your word (Ps 119:18)

ALL: Make me understand the way of Your teachings (Ps 119:27)

MESSAGE OF GOD THROUGH THE STORY

Camp Christian Story

Bethany Head

Scripture

Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’²He called a child, whom he put among them,³and said, ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Message

“Faith & Wonder”

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Sandi Kossick

*Communion Hymn

#393, vs. 1-2

“One Bread, One Body”

[Refrain]

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. *[Refrain]*

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *[Refrain]*

Communion Prayer

Nora Brant

Words of Institution

Nora Brant

Music:

“Saviour! Thy Dying Love”

Sarah Park

[by R. Lowry]

*CLOSING HYMN

“Pass it On”

#477, vs. 1-3

1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
And soon all those around, can warm up in glowing.
That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it,
You spread God's love to everyone; You want to pass it on.

2 What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love; Once you've experienced it,
You want to sing "It's fresh like spring"; you want to pass it on.

3 I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on God, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top - HEY WORLD!
I want the world to know; the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

Sarah Park

“Standing on the Promises”
[by R. K. Carter]

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

Special thanks to Cheryl Delaney and the MCCC Handbell
players for their beautiful “Special Music” selection this morning.
We appreciate your time and your talents!



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MCCC Announcements - February 16, 2025

- 1) **The Smile Team would like to thank ALL who helped create or write out Valentine's cards last Sunday!** We hope that those who receive a Valentine will "Smile" and appreciate that we all thought about them! Thanks for taking the time to help us with our project!
- 2) **Feb. 16th is Camp Sunday!** It will be fun to have some reminders of what Camp Christian can mean through the years! Let's encourage others to attend this year!
- 3) **Please note that our Soup-er Sunday fundraiser will be held sometime in March. Back by popular demand, OWM will be selling a variety of soups (\$8/quart jar) and cornbread squares for \$1 each. These soups are TAKE-OUT ONLY.** Why not skip making dinner for a night and take home dinner? We appreciate all your support!
- 4) **Attention Hilltop Knitters!** We will be meeting at Hilltop Church on the 1st & 3rd Monday in February from 1:30-3pm! (Feb 3rd & Feb 17th) All yarn and hand work project creators are welcome to come, work on their projects, and visit!
- 5) **First of all . . . THE SHED IS NOW OPEN AGAIN FOR CLOTHING DONATIONS!! Thanks to all who generously donated Diapers, Wipes, and Large Black Trash Bags to help the Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, Feb. 8th.** You are welcome to continue donating these baby items and can either bring the items to the church at your convenience by leaving them in the outside bin at the lower level, OR leave them in the classroom in back of the chancel, OR bring them on Feb. 23rd to donate with the 4C's food collection. Our families will appreciate it more than you know! Questions? Call Nancy at (330) 416-0752. **The next Giveaway will be Saturday, May 10th from 9am-12 noon. Spread the word!**
- 6) **Adult Classes** following worship are: "Life 101" led by Carol Buzbee, "The Seekers" led by Nancy Humes and "The Bible & Beyond" led by Jon Secaur. All are welcome to attend any of the 3 classes.
- 7) **Story Time, (for preschoolers), is every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am when school is in session.** This is a fun opportunity for young children (and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to engage in songs, stories, crafts, and more! This is a Free event. Please spread the word to others who may have preschoolers who might enjoy this weekly time together. Any questions? Contact Pam Auble at auble4@windstream.net.
- 8) **Bible Study "Dwelling on the Word" with Pastor Chad is every Wednesday between 1:15-2:30, and Life Study is also held every Wednesday, from 6:30-8pm.**
- 9) **CYF** will meet for rock climbing on Sunday, Feb. 16th. Friends are always welcome.
- 10) Please note that **CYF will NOT** be doing a dinner and auction to raise funds this spring. Instead, **the youth will be providing "service days" for our church families. If you have any yard work, repairs, painting jobs or the like, that 5 youth could accomplish in 8 hours or less, contact Pam or Dave Auble (330-603-3213) or Pastor Chad. There is NO CHARGE for these services - this is NOT a fund raiser.** We will schedule our work days in April and will try to work in all the requests we receive. Thank you CYF-ERS for giving back to the church!!

- 11) **The next "4th for the 4C's" food collection will be Sunday, Feb. 23rd** during worship. Items needed for January are: Canned Pasta, Pop Tarts, Chicken Noodle Soup, & Toothpaste.
- 12) **Week of Compassion is Sunday, Feb. 23rd!** Bring your coin boxes in and any other monetary donations so our church can recognize this worthy ministry. WOC helps others in disaster areas around the world. We have plenty of extra coin boxes at the entry way of the church. Help yourself!
- 13) **Loaves and Fishes Free Community Dinner will return on Feb. 27th, 2025, 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall!** This is a free community meal, and all are welcome to attend. (Donations are gratefully accepted but not required.) **If you would like to help with ANY part of this dinner, even just a month,** please contact Carolin Newell at: 330-606-7125. This is a great opportunity for youth to get community credits for school! We only have 10 dinners per year.
- 14) **Library News!** If you would like to help our library to grow, here are two titles to consider donating: 1) "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Scepticism", by Timothy Keller, and 2) "Mere Christianity", by C.S. Lewis
- 15) **CYF Mission Trip 2025 is set!** Our CYF group will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan the week of **June 22-28** to work with CASS Community Social Services, a United Methodist Ministry that grew out of the church's work with those who are unhoused or developmentally disabled. They will be involved in a variety of community mission work, from stocking a food pantry to building a tiny house, community center building repairs, community garden, clothing ministry, tire recycling, meal preparation and serving at the soup kitchen which serves 700,000 hot meals a year. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to summer! Questions? Contact Pam Auble at: auble4@windstream.net.