



September 21, 2025
The Lord's Prayer Series – Week 5

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, with Faith Brewer, 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
[by F. de Giardini]

Sarah Park

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Delaney

Announcements

~ *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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 3:1-6

1 My child, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight

WELCOME SONG

“We Gather Together”

#276, v. 1

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will know.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leighton Baynes

ONE: There are many temptations we face in our lives together.

ALL: Yes, we know the ones that sneak up on us!

ONE: We face the temptation of putting our own wants above another's needs.

ALL: Yes, we've been there.

ONE: We face temptations to stray from the path of our faith.

ALL: Remind us of your way, God!

ONE: Lord, help us keep our feet moving, our hands outstretched, and our hearts
open to you.

ALL: Lead us, guide us, and keep us on your path!

ONE: And together, let's step into this time of worship

ALL: Yes, with hope, joy, and courage! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN**

#545, vs. 1-3

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

[Refrain]

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

2 Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. **[Refrain]**

3 And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God thro' Jordan leadeth me. **[Refrain]**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Leighton Baynes

Offertory

Music

“Thou, my Everlasting Portion”

Sarah Park

[by S. J. Vail]

***Response**

“The Doxology”

#46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offering Prayer

Leighton Baynes

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

*(After Children’s Moment, the children are invited to go to Sunday School with
Faith Brewer--our Children’s Ministry Intern--for a lesson, snack, and time to play!)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord’s Prayer

Jon Secaur & Beth Schabel

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

We will be praying a different version of the Lord's Prayer written by Parker Palmer from the Quaker Tradition

**THE LORD'S PRAYER written by
Parker Palmer from the Quaker Tradition**

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
we pray that your good will be done,
let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need,
give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
beyond the evil of our days.**

**Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory
and the mercy:**

**Forever your name is All in One.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

***Communion Hymn**

"These I Lay Down"

Sally Hoffman

#391, vs. 1-5

1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share His life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
These I lay down.

2 The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction to Christ's peace:
might be laid down.

5 Lord Jesus Christ companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet You here in bread and wine:
which You lay down.

Communion Prayer
Words of Institution
Music

Kathleen Leigh-Lewarchick
Kathleen Leigh-Lewarchick
“Amazing Grace, how Sweet the Sound”
[Arr. by E. O. Excell]
Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:13 & James 1:12-16

Matthew 6:13

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

James 1:12-16

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

SERMON

“Proving Ground”

Rev. Chad Delaney

At the end of the sermon we will say the Lord's Prayer together

*CLOSING HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#578, vs. 1-4

1 I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

[Refrain]

**I need thee, oh, I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.**

2 I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh. ***[Refrain]***

3 I need thee every hour
in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide
or life is vain. **[Refrain]**

4 I need thee every hour,
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill. **[Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
[by W. H. Bradbury]

Sara Park

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

*Thanks to Leighton Baynes for serving as Worship Leader, to Sally Hoffman & Kathleen Lewarchick for serving as our Communion Elders, to Sarah Park who shares her beautiful musical renditions with us each week, and to Jon Secaur & Beth Schabel who blessed us this morning with their Special Music selection.
We are truly blessed by all of you!*

MCCC Announcements - September 21, 2025

- **1)** Mark your Calendar for Sunday, October 5th as it is World Communion Sunday. Please start thinking about bringing any type of bread (either homemade or store bought) to church by 9:15 am on Oct. 5th. (*The earlier the better so we have time to set it up!*) If you are able to bring a bread representing your family nationality all the better! Be sure to mark what it is. We will enjoy the varieties in the Fellowship Hall following worship! Jam, jellies, honey, etc. are all welcome too!
- **2)** "4th for the 4C's" food collection will be next Sunday, September 28th. Items needed in September are: Dish Detergent, Crackers, Canned Corn, & Canned Green Beans. Remember . . . NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHERS! (Note: We also collect baby items and trash bags for the Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway along with the 4C's items. See #10 in this list for details)
- **3)** Story Time has returned for preschoolers! All kids are welcome - no fees. Includes a reading time, music, crafts, etc. Questions? Contact Pam Auble (216) 308-7930.
- **4)** "Dwelling in the Word" has resumed on Wednesday's from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Please come and join in our scripture discussions! Also mark your calendar for "Life Study" that will return on Wed., Oct. 8th from 6-7:30pm!!
- **5)** Chi-Rho gatherings have returned! Upcoming events are: Sept. 28th from 12:30-2ish at the Hiram College Field Station Oct. 12th 12:30-2pm at HCC, and our Halloween Party on Oct. 26 from 4-6:30pm at the O'Malley House! Stay tuned for any email updates! (Chi-Rho is for kids in grades 5-8.) Bring a friend, or two!
- **6)** CYF will meet Sunday, Sept. 28th at 6pm. Feel free to bring a friend to enjoy this time together! (Grades 9-12). It will be fun!
- **7)** Nora Brant has made yet another beautiful quilt to raise funds in her daughter's (Meghan R. Brant's) memory to support Education Scholarships and Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer Research at Case Comprehensive Care Center in Cleveland. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Make checks or money order payable to: Meghan Brant Memorial Fund and send, along with your name & phone number to: Nora Brant, P.O. Box 488, Mantua, Ohio 44255. Winner will be notified by phone after the Oct. 31st drawing and posted on Facebook.
- **8)** Loaves and Fishes, our free community meal, is September 25th from 5-6:30 pm. Our meals are on the LAST THURSDAY of each month, from January through October. The September menu will be a "Mystery Meal!" Come and enjoy fellowship and see what the surprise meal will be! (*Donations are gratefully accepted but not required.*) Hope to see you on Sept. 25th! After this, there is ONLY 1 MORE DINNER LEFT IN 2025!!
- **9)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our next meetings in September will be at Hilltop Church on Monday, 29th. In Oct. we will go back to our regular schedule, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, from 1:30-3pm. All yarn and hand work creators are welcome to come, work on their projects, and visit!

- **10)** The next date for the Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway is Saturday, November 15th, from 9am-12 noon at St. Joseph school building. Spread the word - ALL ARE WELCOME!! This will be the LAST Giveaway for 2025. The ONLY clothing shed that is utilized for the Free Clothing Giveaway is on the south side of the MCCC parking lot, and it is currently OPEN for donations! They need diapers (Revised sizes needed are: 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7), baby wipes, large black trash bags (30-33 gal), and regular trash bags (13 gal.). You can bring the baby items or trash bags to the church at your convenience by leaving them in the outside bin at the lower-level entrance of the church, OR bring them on September 28th to donate with the 4C's food collection during worship. Questions? Call Nancy Tafel at (330) 416-0752. Thank you for your support.
- **11)** Remember to save your can tabs (from soup, pop, pet food, etc!) The collection jar is located just inside the lower-level entrance window. After collecting the tabs, please drop them in the jar at your convenience. The proceeds will benefit research for NFS (Neurofibromatosis) - a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. (Family members within our community are currently afflicted with this disorder.) Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for collecting these tabs to raise awareness and money for research.

Mantua Community Events

- 1) Derthick's Corn Maze is NOW OPEN all weekends through 10/26! New this season will be live music every weekend. The Music Festival is 9/20 & 21 with 2 musicians each day. Join in the fun on Sasquatch weekend 9/27 & 28 with the hunt for Sasquatch for prizes! 10/4 is Jeep invasion weekend. Scout weekend is 10/25 & 28 and dog day to close the season on 10/26. We also have a zip line, pumpkins and lots of family fun. Great way to make some new family memories! Check out their website for pricing, times, and more details at: www.derthickcornmaze.com
 - 2) The Mantua Area Restoration Society (MARSI) continues to have suppers at the old Mantua Center School on the 2nd Friday of each month from 4-7pm and it's open to ALL! The "2nd Fridays Supper" is by donation only. Join us on Friday, October 10th and take a night off from cooking! They even have live music provided by our own MCCC member, Steve Stork, for your enjoyment!
 - 3) Activities for the "older generation" are happening at Buchert Park Village Lodge, 4810 E. High St., Mantua, every Wednesday from 11am-3pm. For more information call 330-274-8776, ext.155 or 330-297-2575. Also check Facebook: "Crestwood Community Center" for weekly schedules!
- NEW!** 4) DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee) has invited you to a Ribbon Cutting for the completion of the new Façade on Main street! This year DMRC led the project to update the building façade to give it a more cohesive and historic look. Join us on Friday, Sept. 26th at 5pm on the sidewalk in front of Crooked River Flowers. Afterwards, come over to the Event Sace at R44 Coffee Co. for cake and to hear about the projects from some of the people closely involved in it. (Ken Parker and Dan Tillet) It ends at 6:15 in time to take in the Homecoming Game or other Friday night activities! Hope you can join us NEXT FRIDAY 9/26 AT 5PM!!