



September 28, 2025

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
September 28, 2025

PRELUDE

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty”
[by J. B. Dykes]

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 2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 16

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair... So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day."

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: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

ALL: it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, autumn shower.

ONE: When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

**ALL: it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith
for us.**

ONE: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

ALL: it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

~ written by Thom Shuman

***OPENING HYMN**

#22, vs. 1-4

“All Creatures of our God and King”

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,
O silver moon with softer gleam:

[Refrain]

**O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

2 O rushing wind with voice so strong,
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise God, Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice: **[Refrain]**

3 O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
O blazing fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight, **[Refrain]**

4 And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, alleluia!
You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. **[Refrain]**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Leighton Baynes

Offertory

Music

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”
[by W. H. Doane]

Sarah Park

***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

“We Rejoice in all your Ways”
[by Vicki Bedford]

MCCC Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Kathleen Leigh-Lewarchick

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Kathleen Leigh-Lewarchick

***Communion Hymn**

#387, vs. 1-2

“Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

1 Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Communion Prayer

Carol Buzbee

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Music

“Come into my Heart, Blessed Jesus”

Sarah Park

[by H. D. Clarke]

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-9

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” **3** Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” **5** Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” **6** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. **7** The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” **8** He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9** At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

SERMON

“Piercing Question”

Rev. Chad Delaney

*CLOSING HYMN

“You have Called Me”

#455, vs. 1-3

1 You have called me from my hiding place and given me a name;
from this moment on my life can never be the same.
I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to remain,
here I am, send, here I am.

[Refrain]

**“Who will go into the darkness where my people live in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am.”**

2 You have called me from my wilderness and given me a way.
The many paths I’ve traveled have but brought me to this day.
And the journey that is calling me no longer will delay.
Here I am, send me, here I am. ***[Refrain]***

3 You have called me from my silence and have given me a word.
I was dying in my coldness till a fire within me stirred.
Now I can keep still no longer, I must speak what I have heard.
Here I am, send me, here I am. ***[Refrain]***

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Come to the Saviour, Make no Delay”
[by G. F. Root]

Sara Park

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

***Thanks to Leighton Baynes for serving as Worship Leader, to Kathleen Leigh-
Lewarchick & Carol Buzbee for serving as our Communion Elders, to Sarah Park who
shares her beautiful musical renditions with us each week, and to our MCCC Choir
who blessed us this morning with their Special Music selection.
We are truly blessed by all of you!***

MCCC Announcements - September 28, 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!
- NEW! 2)** Life Study: Big Ideas, Small Practices with Kathleen Leigh-Lewarchick!
Refresh your spirit in Life Study with a fresh take starting Wednesday, October 8th, from 6-7:30pm. Join us in the Campbell Room for "Big Ideas, Small Practices". Each session we will meet to explore some of the big Christian theologies alongside one of the spiritual practices. Each week brings a different topic and a different practice, e.g. 1) Creation Doctrine and Terra Divina, or 2) The Doctrine of the Trinity and Lectio Divina. See you on October 8th!
- **3)** "4th for the 4C's" food collection will be this 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 #11 in this list for details)
- **4)** 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!!
- **5)** 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.
- **6)** "Dwelling in the Word" has resumed on Wednesday's from 1:30 - 2:30 pm with Pastor Chad!. 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 with Kathleen Leigh-Lewarchick!!
- **7)** 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!
- **8)** 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!
- **9)** 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.

- **10) 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!
- **11) 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.
- **12) 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

- NEW!!** 1) Come and meet the candidates! Be an informed voter! Candidate night is on Tuesday, September 30th at 6:30pm at the Crestwood Central office building on John Edward Drive. Hope to see you there!
- 2) 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
- 3) 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!
- 4) 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!