



**April 19, 2026**  
***Week of Compassion:***  
***Transforming Suffering into Hope***

**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, 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.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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**PRELUDE**

**“Hallelujah! He is Risen”**  
*[by P. P. Bliss]*

**Sarah Park**

**WELCOME**

**Karly Lind**

***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**

**Psalm 116:1-4**

**Rev. Cynthia Klingemier**

- 1 I love the LORD because he hears my requests for mercy.  
2 I'll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.  
3 Death's ropes bound me; the distress of the grave found me— I came  
face-to-face with trouble and grief.  
4 So I called on the LORD's name: "LORD, please save me!"

**\*RESPONSE**

**“Weave”**

Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together, in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together,  
weave us together, together in love.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Isaiah 49:10)*

**Karly Lind**

ONE: The day we yearn for is coming!

**ALL: The day when nobody is hungry and nobody is thirsty;  
when there is shade from the sun and shelter from the wind.**

ONE: For the Compassionate One guides us and leads us to the living waters  
of the Word.

**ALL: Let us worship our God and Let Love Flow!**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

**#73, vs. 1-4**

**1** There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

**2** There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.

**3** For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

**4** If our love were but more simple,  
we would rest upon God's word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of the Lord.

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Invitation

Offertory

**Music**

**\*Offertory Response**

**Karly Lind**

**Sarah Park**

**#46**

**“This is my Father’s World”**

**“The Doxology”**

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.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Rick Painley**

*(After the 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**

**“My Dog Jesus”** [by Kurt Fortmeyer]

**Jon Secaur with Larry Davis**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Cynthia Klingemier**

## COMMUNION

Meditation

\*Communion Hymn

Rev. Nancy Humes

#398, vs. 1-2

### “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

**1** Be known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.

**2** There sup with us in love divine;  
thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

Ryan Lind

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

Sarah Park

### “I’ve Wandered Far Away From God”

*[by W. J. Kirkpatrick]*

## SCRIPTURE

**Luke 24:13-35**

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

14 They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. 15 While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey.

16 They were prevented from recognizing him. 17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. 18 The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" 19 He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet.

20 But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. 21 We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago.

22 But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him." 25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. 26 Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

28 When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. 29 But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

<sup>33</sup> They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

**SERMON**

**“Road Trip!”**

**Rev. Cynthia Klingemier**

**\*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 hearts 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, won-d’ring 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. Cynthia Klingemier**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**  
*[by W. B. Bradbury]*

**Sarah Park**

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

*Special thanks to Rev. Cynthia Klingemier,  
Karly Lind, Rev. Nancy Humes, Ryan Lind, Rick Painley, Sarah Park,  
and Jon Secaur and Larry Davis for their “Special Music.”  
We are a blessed congregation!*

## Announcements April 19, 2026

### Congregational Café set for Sunday, May 17th!

On **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after our worship service, Mantua Center Church will be hosting a **Congregational Café**. This interactive and fun event is part of our congregation's important transitional work as we begin the journey seeking our next settled pastor.

Based on the successful **World Café** discussion model, the **Congregational Café** has been designed by our Regional Minister to help us explore in a playful and conversational way six questions about our experience and perspectives on the church and ministry. Lasting only about an hour, participants will discuss and write their answers, in words and images, in small groups of 3-4 people. Participants move to new small groups between questions. Our Regional Elder for District 3, Rev. Terry Bartlett, will help guide us through the process. Everything that is shared will be gathered and will provide helpful information for our future search committee as they prepare our **Congregational Profile for the Search and Call Process**.

There will be light refreshments, but no meal served to keep the program moving quickly. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, people of all ages as well as members and friends of the congregation alike. Please plan to be in worship that morning and stay for just a little longer so that your input can be a part of our future plans for mission and ministry. Hope to see you on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**!

**\*\*1) The CYF Mission Trip team is looking for spare tools that still have some life in them!** Please see the enclosed flyer and drop them in the box at the front entrance of the church. These will be kept for future trips as well.

**\*\*2) Steve Hurd and the Bicentennial Committee need some ideas in planning to do "200 of something" for our big anniversary next year. We will need to get this organized soon! Contact Steve if you have any suggestions! (330) 842-0026 or email at [shurd1@aol.com](mailto:shurd1@aol.com).**

**\*\*3) CAMP CHRISTIAN information is on the back table in the church sanctuary. You are also invited to attend the Camp Open House and Pool Construction Blessing Day on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-8pm. Feel free to pick up an invitation also on the back table! You will need to RSVP by **May 7<sup>th</sup>**!**

**\*\*4) THIS SUNDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup> Chi-Rho will be meeting from 3-5pm at Shaker Rocks. If carpooling, we will leave at 2pm from Hiram Church. Make sure you have the waiver!**

**\*\*5) Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our next meeting at Hilltop Church will be on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, from 1:30-3pm. All are welcome!**

**\*\*6)** The next **Kids Weekend Meals workdays** are: by Tues. April 21<sup>st</sup> all bread deliveries must be in, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for packing bags, and April 23<sup>rd</sup> for delivering bags. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make this mission possible! You are a blessing!

**\*\*7)** **"4<sup>th</sup> for the 4C's"** (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) will collect needed items on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Items needed for April are: Crackers, Cereal Granola Bars, Dish Detergent, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Canned Pasta and Pancake Syrup. **We also collect for the Free Clothing and Diaper Giveaway that day.** Items needed are: Diapers sizes, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Baby Wipes, and trash Bags (Black 30 gal, and regular 15 gal.). Thanks for your support. We now have bins at the back of the church to collect items at any time!!

**\*\*8)** Our **Free Loaves & Fishes community dinner** will be on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm. The menu will be: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns and assorted desserts. The meal is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Anyone is welcome to attend!

**\*\*9)** **"Cans for Kids"** supports Kids Weekend Meals. Our next collection date is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are: Tuna or Hamburger Helper, Wrapped Snacks or Treat items, and Mac & Cheese cups. We collect regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, but you may also bring your items any time and place them in the designated bins at the back of the church!

**\*\*10)** The next date for the **Free Clothing and Diaper Giveaway will be Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at St. Josephs Church (school building) from 9am-12pm. Items needed are: Diapers sizes, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Baby Wipes, and trash Bags (Black 30 gal, and regular 15 gal.). Remember to donate any gently used clothes, neatly bagged, in the donation bin at the south side of the church parking lot.

**\*\*11)** Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am we have **Story Time** for preschoolers! All are welcome!

**\*\*12)** Every Wednesday we have **Dwelling in the Word** from 1:15-2:30pm, then in the evening from 6:30-8:00pm we have **Life Study**. Come and join us for great conversations!

**\*\*13)** Save your **can tabs** (from soup, pop, pet food, etc). The collection jar is located on the lower-level entrance window. The proceeds will benefit research for NFS (Neurofibromatosis) - a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for raising awareness!

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **THIS THURSDAY, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Rotary Club of Mantua is hosting a "Paint Party" from 6:30-9:30pm at Restoration 44 Coffee Co.** The cost is \$35/person and includes art supplies, light beverages, 50/50 raffle, games, and prizes! If you want to "SIP" it's BYOB. To register: [www.mantuarotary.org](http://www.mantuarotary.org). Limit to 45 attendees.
- **MARSI (Mantua Area Restoration Society, Inc.) will have their next "2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Supper" on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.** This dinner is a fundraiser by donation only. Eat-in or Take-Out available.