



**July 26, 2026**

**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 church 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 until 12pm.
- \* Hearing Assistance is available at MCCC! Please see Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley (our video techs.) for help in setting this up.

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## July 26, 2026

### PRELUDE

**“Blessed Redeemer”**  
*[by Christiansen & Loes]*

**Steve Stork**

### WELCOME

**Rev. Cynthia**

#### ***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.*

### OPENING SCRIPTURE

**Romans 8:28**

**Rev. Cynthia**

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.

### \*Response

**“In This Time”**

**#303**

*In this time of quiet reverence, God,  
fill us now with everlasting peace  
and may each and ev’ry day we live  
bring true faith in your abiding love.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Everett Baynes**

ONE: This place for us is holy ground.

**ALL: The place we sing songs of praise.**

ONE: And repeat stories of faith.

**ALL: The place where we are inspired to respond to God’s call.**

ONE: Let us worship the Lord.

### \*OPENING HYMN

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

**#604, vs. 1, 5, 6**

**1** Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**5** Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Everett Baynes

Offertory

Music

### **“Peace in the Midst of the Storm”**

Steve Stork

*[by Stephen Adams]*

### **\*Offertory Response**

**#46**

### **“The Doxology” [Note alternate words]**

*Praise God from whom all grace flows forth!*

*Praise Life, all creatures here on earth!*

*Praise Light who guides us on our way!*

*Praise Love who forms us day by day! Amen.*

Offering Prayer

Everett Baynes

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Cynthia

*(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!)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Cynthia

## COMMUNION

Meditation

Roger Cram

### **\*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.

Prayer

Words of Institution

**Music**

### **“Be Still, My Soul”**

*[Arr. Chris Rice]*

Drema Herron

Rev. Cynthia

Steve Stork

**SCRIPTURE****EXODUS 2:11-15, 3:13-15****Rev. Cynthia**

11 One day after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting, and he said to the one who was in the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?" 14 He answered, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "Surely the thing is known." 15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. So Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian and sat down by a well.

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

**SERMON****"From Murderer to God's Main Man"****Rev. Cynthia****\*CLOSING HYMN****tune #66, vs. 1-4****"I Am Who I AM, I Will Be Who I Will Be"**

**1** "I am who I am, I will be who I will,  
Unfettered Creator and creating still!"  
In such words of freedom, our God's clarion voice  
Speaks loudly or softly, and our hearts rejoice.

**2** "I am who I am!" now in this time and place.  
God with us! Christ with us! The fullness of grace!  
Each day is exciting, with justice our goal,  
The Spirit igniting new flames in the soul.

**3** "I am who I am!" - God both faithful and free;  
Unbound by tradition, "I'll be who I'll be."  
"I will be who I will be" - God beyond thought,  
Unshackled by anything people have wrought.

**4** God's names are so varied: Rock, Eagle, and Dove,  
Messiah, Emmanuel, Wisdom, and Love.  
Yet all are reflections of only a part.  
"I will be who I will be" - that is the heart!

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Cynthia**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Beyond the Sunset”**  
*[by Blanche Brock]*

**Steve Stork**

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

Special thanks to Rev. Cynthia Klingemier for serving as our Interim Minister. Thanks to Everett Baynes for being our Worship Leader and Faith Brewer for leading our Children’s Sunday School. Thanks, also, to our Elders, Roger Cram and Drema Herron for leading our Communion, and to Steve Stork for providing us with his wonderful music this morning!  
We are a blessed congregation!

## Announcements July 26, 2026

- \*\*1)** Nominations for the Regional Church Council are now being accepted. If you have interest in serving the wider church in this way, please let Board Chair Steve Hurd ([shurd1@aol.com](mailto:shurd1@aol.com)) or Rev. Cynthia ([revckdoc91@gmail.com](mailto:revckdoc91@gmail.com)) know this week. The Council meets three times a year via Zoom and once per year in person at Camp Christian. Council members are asked to serve a two-year term. Thank you for considering this important work in the life of the Regional Church.
- \*\*2)** Don't forget that Rev. Cynthia has a Midweek Meditation on YouTube entitled, "Rev. C's Midweek Meditation" that is posted every Wednesday. Sandi will send you a reminder each week with the direct link to view her segment. Feel free to subscribe to her site on YouTube! It's a great way to take a midweek break from the busyness of the summer season!
- \*\*3)** "Cans for Kids" supports Kids Weekend Meals. Our next collection date is August 9th. Items needed are: Canned Pasta or Pasta Cups, Spaghetti or Alfredo Sauce, and Baked Beans. 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!
- \*\*4)** The next Kids Weekend Meals workdays are: by Tues. July 28th all bread deliveries must be in, July 29th for packing bags, and July 30th for delivering bags. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make this mission possible! You are a blessing!
- \*\*5)** Every Wednesday we still have Dwelling in the Word from 1:15-2:30pm with Diane Johnson as the facilitator. Hope you can join in some interesting conversation! Life Study on Wednesday evenings has stopped for the summer but will resume in the fall.
- \*\*6)** "4<sup>th</sup> for the 4C's" (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) will collect needed items on July 26th. Items needed for July are: Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese Cups, Sloppy Joe Sauce, & Canned Pasta. We also collect for the Free Clothing and Diaper Giveaway that day. Items needed are: Diapers sizes, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Baby Wipes, and ONLY 15 gallon trash Bags. (No more Black bags are needed!) Thanks for your support. We now have bins at the back of the church to collect items at any time so feel free to bring them in at your convenience!!
- \*\*7)** Loaves & Fishes free community dinner will be July 30th from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends for an evening out and see what our menu will be! This is a free dinner, but donations are gratefully appreciated.
- \*\*8)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our next meetings at Hilltop Church will be on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<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 to come and work on their projects while sharing in fellowship!!

**\*\*9) 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!

**\*\*10) Mark your calendar for our Annual Canoe Trip on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.** We will have pizza first at Camp Hi in Hiram, then depart for a ride down the Cuyahoga River. More details will be coming soon.

**\*\*11) Don't forget to mark your 2027 Calendar for our Bicentennial celebrations! Sunday, Jan. 24, 2027** - we will have a potluck and program. Then, Sun. **June 6, 2027** we will host a larger celebration including some VIP'S and former pastors! Plan to celebrate our 200 year anniversary!

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Farmers & Makers Market on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7!** This event is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in June, July, August & September at the Granary in downtown Mantua! Mark your calendars and bring your friends for a fun evening! More info at: Facebook [Farmers&MakersMarketontheGreen](#)
- **MARSI (Mantua Area Restoration Society, Inc.) will have their next "2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Supper" on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7pm.** This dinner is a fundraiser by donation only. Eat-in or Take-Out available.
- **Plan to join in the "Poker Paddle" from on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm!** It runs from Camp Hi in Hiram to Buchert Park in Mantua Village, Ohio. Information and registration can be found at: [www.mantuarotaryclub.org](http://www.mantuarotaryclub.org).