



August 30, 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 4th 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

August 30, 2026

PRELUDE

“Each Step I Take”
[by Elmo Mercer]

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

Proverbs 19:21 NRSV

Rev. Cynthia

9 The human mind plans the way,
but the Lord directs the steps.

***Response**

“Here We Gather As God’s People”

#294

Here we gather as God’s People
with our friends from far and near:
let our voices sound with praises
knowing Christ has called us here.
Now we seek and greet each other,
now in joy we see our friends.
Here we join in prayer together
as to all our love extends.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carol Buzbee

ONE: As the deer thirst for flowing streams,

ALL: We thirst for you, O God.

ONE: Come, let’s worship our life-giving God,

ALL: Who pours out living water on all who thirst.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Fill My Cup Lord”

#351, vs. 1-3

1 Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
for things that could not satisfy;
and then I heard my Savior speaking:
“Draw from my well that never shall run dry.”

(Chorus)

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord
come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up, and make me whole.**

2 There are millions in this world who are craving
the pleasure earthly things afford;
but none can match the wondrous treasure
that I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord. **(Chorus)**

3 So my brother if the things this world gave you
leave hungers that won't pass away;
my blessed Lord will come and save you
if you kneel to Him and humbly pray. **(Chorus)**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Carol Buzbee

Offertory

Music

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Steve Stork

[by Henri Malan]

***Offertory Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

#382, v. 3

3 To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.

Offering Prayer

Carol Buzbee

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**

#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

Carol Buzbee

Words of Institution

Rev. Cynthia

Music

"The Church's One Foundation"

Steve Stork

[arr. Chris Rice]

John 4:7-29

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir,^[a] you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir,^[a] give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir,^[a] I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^[a] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you^[a] will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You^[a] worship what you^[a] do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he,^[a] the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,^[a] can he?”

John 4:39-42

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

#339, vs. 1-4

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me";

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cynthia

POSTLUDE

“Close to Thee”

Steve Stork

[arr. Wilda Jackson Auld]

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

Special thanks to Rev. Cynthia and Carol Buzbee for leading our service this morning.

Thanks to Faith Brewer for leading our Children's Sunday School, and to our Elders,

Roger Cram and Carol Buzbee for guiding us through Communion.

Also - special thanks to Steve Stork for serving as our pianist once again!

We are a blessed congregation!

Announcements August 30, 2026

Newer Items in Green

Sunday!! 1) There will be a MCCC financial update presentation on Sunday, August 30th. by Treasurer Jay Schabel and the Stewardship & Finance Team.

Sunday!! 2) Don't forget! Our next "5th Sunday of the Month Potluck!" is on August 30th after our Sunday Classes. Our "Life 101" class is sponsoring this event with the theme of "Back to School Lunches"! (Think, what did you pack for YOUR school lunches, and bring that to share!) Plan to attend this fun event!

****NEW!!** 3) Story Time for Preschoolers is returning on Tuesday, September 8th from 10:30-11:30am! It is open to any preschool child and an accompanying adult! It is a wonderful hour filled with stories, crafts, and more! If you know someone who might like to join in the fun, please pass the word to them. If you have any questions, contact Pam Auble at: 216-308-7930. Story Time is held every Tuesday morning when Crestwood school is in session. Come Join Us!!

ASAP!! 4) The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition of Community Care) needs volunteers! 4C's is interested in finding a representative from Mantua Center Church to attend board meetings to help with communication between the organizations. The board meetings are once a month, usually the first Monday of the month, but can vary slightly. Also, 4C's is in dire need of volunteers to help pack or do intake information for clients. No help will be turned away! Contact Sue Pollard if you are interested: whiteoaks082586@gmail.com or call (234) 450-4168.

****5)** "Cans for Kids" that supports Kids Weekend Meals will be collected on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Items needed are: Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, and Pancake Mix (Just add water). We collect on the 2nd Sunday of each month, but you may also bring your items at any time and place them in the designated bins at the back of the church! Thank you for your continued support for our kids!

****6)** Don't forget that Rev. Cynthia has a Meditation segment on YouTube every Wednesday entitled, "Rev. C's Midweek Meditation." Sandi will send you a reminder each week with the direct link to view her segment. Feel free to subscribe to her site!

****7)** Ken Parker has a spare wheelchair available to donate to someone in need. To make arrangements call Ken directly at: (330) 357-6226. Pass the word!

****8)** The next Kids Weekend Meals workdays: Tues. Sept. 8th all bread deliveries must be in, Sept. 9th for packing bags, and Sept. 10th for delivering bags. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make this mission possible! You are a blessing!

****9)** Every Wednesday we have Dwelling in the Word from 1:15-2:30pm with Diane Johnson as the facilitator. Hope you can join in some interesting conversations! (Life Study on Wednesday evenings has stopped for the summer but will resume in the fall.)

****10)** "4th for the 4C's" (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) will collect needed items on Aug. 23rd. Items needed for August are: Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, and multi serve boxes of Instant Potatoes. 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!!

****11)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our next scheduled meetings at Hilltop Church will be Sept. 7th and Sept. 21st, from 1:30-3pm. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. All are welcome to come and work on their projects while sharing in fellowship!

****12)** 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. Get your family and friends to save them too! Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for raising awareness!

****13)** 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 ahead to celebrate our 200-year anniversary!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Farmers & Makers Market on August 14th & 28th from 4-7! This event is held on the 2nd & 4th Fridays in June, July, August & September at the Granary in downtown Mantua! More info at: Facebook Farmers&MakersMarketontheGreen
- MARSI (Mantua Area Restoration Society, Inc.) will have their next "2nd Friday Supper" on Friday, Sept. 11th, 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 12th 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.
- The Mantua Shalersville Chamber of Commerce is also hosting a Golf Outing on September 18th at Sugarbush Golf Club in Garrettsville, Oh. They need 4 more teams to sign-up. 8am Shotgun start, lunch by Los Venados Taco Truck from 11am-2pm, a 50/50 drawing, and an awards presentation at 2pm. All proceeds will benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund and Community Initiatives. To sign-up, contact Nancy Sheppard at (330) 281-3776. Cost is \$360 per team & includes Golf, Cart, & Lunch.