



September 20, 2026
“It Happened in the Vineyard”

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.
- * Need hearing assistance? Use your smartphone with earbuds or headphones or hearing aids.
 - 1)** Download WaveCast Audio Receiver app to your device.
 - 2)** Connect to MCCC Hearing Assist WiFi network (password: IhearMCCC)
 - 3)** Open WaveCast app and select MCCCHeatingAssist, or see Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley (our video techs.) to use an FM hearing device.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”
[arr. Thomas Keesecker]

Dr. Adam Smith

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

Psalms 105:1-3

Rev. Cynthia

O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
 tell of all his wonderful works.
 ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

***Response**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

#261, v. 1

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 approach our friends.
Here we mingle, bound together
as to all our love extends.

Chorus

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we know that we’ll have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leighton Baynes

One: Come! Come and worship!

ALL: You who woke early, and you who slept late,

One: You who come often, and you who don't.

ALL: Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

One: There is room for all of us in God's realm,

ALL: And more than enough grace to go around.

One: Let's worship God together!

***OPENING HYMN**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

#22, vs. 1-4

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

Offertory

Music

Leighton Baynes

Dr. Adam Smith

“Sarabande from Partita no. 1 in B-flat”

[by Johann Sebastian Bach]

***Offertory Response**

#379

“Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring”

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.

Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill

The ministry disciples have, empower’d to do your will.

Offering Prayer

Leighton 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

*(The Congregation is welcome to share their prayer concerns
and their joys when prompted.)*

COMMUNION

Meditation

Jon Secaur

***Communion Hymn**

#402, vs. 1-4

“According to Thy Gracious Word”

1 According to thy gracious word,
in meek humility,
this will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.

2 The body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember thee.

3 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee.

4 I shall remember all thy pain,
and all thy love to me;
when thou shalt come again and reign,
Jesus, remember me.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

Liz Meeker

Rev. Cynthia

Dr. Adam Smith

“Peaceful Piano (no. 1)”

[by Mark Hayes]

SCRIPTURE**Matthew 20:1-16****Rev. Cynthia**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

SERMON***“It Happened in the Vineyard”*****Rev. Cynthia*****CLOSING HYMN*****To God be the Glory, Tune #72, vs. 1-5******“A Man Owned a Vineyard”****[by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette]*

1 A man owned a vineyard and needed a crew
To tend to his land-there was plenty to do.
He called out to people downtown in the square,
"Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."

2 God, you call and you send; there is work here to do.
There's your whole world to tend; may we garden for you!
O Lord, in your vineyard may we seek to be
The workers who tend to your justice and peace.

3 He went back a number of times on that day;
He called to new workers and promised fair pay.
Can we but imagine those first workers' rage
When all those who labored received the same wage?

4 God, the gift of your grace comes as quite a surprise.
For your mercies embrace even latecomers' lives.
May all who have worked long and hard humbly learn:
Your grace is a gift and not something we earn.

5 He called the complainers and said, "This is true -
That I kept my word and I gave you your due.
I share with compassion; I'm loving and kind.
I care for all people and give what is mine!"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cynthia

POSTLUDE

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"
[arr. Thomas Keesecker]

Dr. Adam Smith

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

Special thanks to Rev. Cynthia and Leighton Baynes,
for leading our service this morning. Thanks to Faith Brewer
for leading our Children's Sunday School, and thanks to our Elders,
Jon Secaur and Liz Meeker for guiding us through Communion.
Also - *special thanks* to our new Music Director, Dr. Adam Smith,
for blessing our sanctuary with his wonderful music!
We are grateful to ALL for your participation!

Announcements September 20, 2026

Newer Items in Green

****Sunday!!** 1) Remember that if you need help setting up your financial online giving with our new changes, Jay Schabel and/or Carol Magyarics will be available for the next couple weeks following worship to help set it up.

****NEW!!** 2) Chi Rho will have their first meeting **THIS SUNDAY, Sept. 20th** at MCCC from 6-7:30pm. Mark your calendars for these future dates: **Sun. Oct. 11th** and **Sun. Oct. 25th**. Hope to see you then and bring your friends!

****NEW!!** 3) Faith Brewer and Pam Auble are organizing a "Trunk or Treat" event at MCCC on Sunday, October 25th with a "tentative time" of 2-4pm. Stay tuned for more details!

****NEW!!** 4) The Ohio Regional Assembly is less than 1 month away! This year it is being held at Camp Christian and the theme is "Listening for God in a Noisy World." I have attached all the literature for this event to a **separate email** and will also have extra copies and registration forms at the back of the church on the table. Registration at Camp Christian is at 9am, and the Assembly is 10am-4pm. There will be worship, workshops, lunch, exhibit hall, fellowship and more! Details are at ccinoh.org or on the church website at mantuacentercc.org.

****NEW!!** 5) Cheryl Delaney has announced that Bell Choir Practice will begin on Monday, October 5, at 6:00pm at MCCC. We will be practicing to play in church on the 2nd Sunday in November (November 8th). If you know anyone who wants to join, tell them to come and give it a try! You can reach Cheryl at: [\(330\) 800-6856](tel:3308006856) or delaneycheryl@hotmail.com.

****6) Attention Hilltop Knitters!** Our next scheduled meeting at Hilltop Church will be **THIS MONDAY, 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!

****7) We have revived the practice of sharing prayer concerns and joys during worship!** This Sunday Rev. Cynthia will invite people to share them during the Pastoral Prayer. If you know someone who needs prayers, or if you would like to give thanks for a special joy, please feel free to participate when prompted. Think ahead about what you might like to share this Sunday!

****8) "The Bible and Beyond" class has opened a new season with Jon Secaur! We will meet right after worship in the second-floor room right behind the front of the sanctuary.** We considered passages unique to Luke last spring, and I'd like to skim through Luke's companion work, the book of Acts this fall. Everyone is welcome! We also have "Life 101" with Carol Buzbee as leader, and "The Seekers" class with Rev. Nancy Humes. Try them all and see what you like best!

****9) "Life Study" has now begun every Wednesday evening from 7-8:30pm in the Campbell Room.** We'll be listening and reacting to a series of podcasts from NPR called *Ye Gods*. Host Scott Carter created a special series this summer, for the 250th anniversary of our nation, called *Of God and Country*. Jon has been previewing them, and they are superb. We'll listen and anyone can say 'OK. stop!' and we'll have great discussions.

****10) Thanks to those who gave donations for "Cans for Kids", which supports Kids Weekend Meals last Sunday. Items needed for October 11th are: Pancake Mix (Just add water), Canned Pasta, and Canned Tomato or Vegetable Soup.** 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!

****11)** 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. This is a great way to get involved in helping our community!

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

****13)** "Story Time" for Preschoolers has returned on every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall, from 10:30-11:30am! It is open to any preschool child and an accompanying adult and 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 schools are in session. Come Join Us!!

****14)** The next Kids Weekend Meals workdays: Tues. Sept. 22nd all bread deliveries must be in, Sept. 23rd for packing bags, and Sept. 24th for delivering bags. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make this mission possible! You are a blessing!

****15)** Every Wednesday we have Dwelling in the Word from 1:15-2:30pm with Diane Johnson as the facilitator . . . AND "Life Study has resumed with Jon Secaur from 6-7:30pm. Again, everyone is welcome!

****16)** Our next community Loaves & Fishes Dinner will be Thursday, Sept. 24th from 5-6:30pm. We only have 2 more meals until the end of the 2026 season. Hope you will join us for some home cooked food and fellowship with others! The menu is: Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Orange Creamsicle Salad, and assorted desserts.

****17)** "4th for the 4C's" (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) will collect needed items on Aug. 23rd. Items needed for September 27th 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 15 gallon trash Bags. Thanks for your support. Don't forget we have bins at the back of the church to collect items at any time so feel free to bring them in at your convenience!! The last Giveaway for 2026 will be Saturday, Nov. 14th and will include Christmas items! If you have any Christmas items in good shape that you don't use any more, please consider donating them for the Giveaway! Contact Nancy Tafel at: 330-416-0752.

****18)** 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!

****19)** 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 Sept. 25th from 4-7pm!** 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 Restoration Society, Inc.) will have their next "2nd Friday Supper" on Friday, October 9th, from 4-7pm.** This dinner is a fundraiser by donation only. Eat-in or Take-Out available.