



September 6, 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.
- * 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

September 6, 2026

PRELUDE

“The First Thing I Do Every Morning”
[by Lange, Merrill & Ballantine]

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

Luke 14:28 NRSV

Rev. Cynthia

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down
and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leighton Baynes

ONE: To those fishing, Jesus said,

ALL: “Follow me.”

ONE: To the tax collector, Jesus said,

ALL: “Follow me.”

ONE: To the rich man, Jesus said,

ALL: “Follow me.”

ONE: At the last supper, Jesus said,

ALL: “Follow me.”

ONE: Today and each day, Jesus says,

ALL: “Follow me.”

ONE: Come, let us worship the one who
calls us to follow him in truth and love.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *tune #365, vs. 1-2, 5*

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and pow’r.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

5 Lo! Th’ incarnate God, ascended,
pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly;
let no other trust intrude.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Leighton Baynes

Offertory

Music

“When Answers Aren’t Enough”

Steve Stork

[by Nelson & Brown]

***Offertory Response**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#382, v. 1

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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

(All are welcome to share your concerns and joys when prompted during the prayer)

COMMUNION

Meditation

Carol Buzbee

***Communion Hymn**

#400, vs. 1-4

“When you do this, Remember Me”

(written by Alexander Campbell--Disciples of Christ founder)

1 You my friend, a stranger once,
do now belong to heaven.
Once far away, you are brought home
into God's family.
""When you do this, remember me.""

2 Now my Lord is also yours,
my people are your own;
embraced together in God's arms,
I enfold you now in mine.
""When you do this, remember me.""

3 All your sorrows shall be mine,
your joy shall be my joy;
indebted to God's love in Christ,
we die and reign with him.
""When you do this, remember me.""

4 So let us renew our faith,
remembering our Lord;
to our strong hope we will hold fast,
unshaken to the end.
""When you do this, remember me.""

Prayer
Words of Institution
Music

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
[arr. Chris Rice]

**Ruth Anne Ruehr
Rev. Cynthia
Steve Stork**

SCRIPTURE

John 18:17, 25-27 and John 21:15-17

Rev. Cynthia

~ John 18:17, 25-27

¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

~ John 21:15-17

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

SERMON

“Getting It Right When Things Have Gone Wrong”

Rev. Cynthia

***CLOSING HYMN**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#612, vs. 1-4

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cynthia

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
[arr. Wilda Jackson Auld]

Steve Stork

*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 to our Elders,
Carol Buzbee and Ruth Anne Ruehr for guiding us through Communion.

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

We are thankful for ALL of your participation!

Announcements September 6, 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 few weeks following worship to help set it up.

****NEW!!** 2) In an effort to be more inclusive, we are reviving the practice of sharing prayer concerns and joys during worship. In the past, these were included during announcement time, but now 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. We hope this will help bring us closer together. Eventually, we will also have a book near the church entrance where you can write requests to be read during the service. Think about what you might like to share this Sunday!

****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!!

****NEW!!** 4) Steve Hurd announced last Sunday that if you missed the "Congregational Café" in May, please plan to attend on September 13th for another gathering focused on our church's future. We will discuss what matters most to you as we choose our next permanent pastor and consider the direction of our church. All opinions are important! Please plan to stay after worship on Sept. 13th and share your thoughts.

ASAP!! 5) 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!

****6)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our next scheduled meetings at Hilltop Church will be Monday, 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!

****7)** "Cans for Kids", which 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!

****8)** 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!

****9)** 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!

****10)** 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!

****11)** 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.)

****12)** Our next 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! Menu coming soon!

****13)** "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. 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!!

****14)** 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!

****15)** 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
- MARSII (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. 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.