



August 21, 2022

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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If you choose to attend in person, please be aware of the following:

- Because the Covid virus is now spreading rapidly in Portage County, we **recommend** wearing masks at church, at your discretion. Please use your discretion on **masking, handshakes, and hugs as each person feels comfortable**. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and feedback.
- This worship service is being live streamed. If you have any concern about you or your child being live on YouTube, please stay behind the 5th row of pews.
- The nursery has been cleaned and sanitized and is available if needed for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance.
- **After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run until the end of worship.**
- We have resumed the passing of communion. If you prefer, we have sealed "personal" communion cups available at the entrance. Offering baskets will be passed around the sanctuary at the start of the "Invitation to Generosity" during worship. (You may also *Give Online* at: mantuacentercc.org).

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

“I Hear Thy Welcome Voice”
[by L. Hartsough]

Sarah Park

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Humes

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:20-21

*RESPONSE

“Weave”

#495

*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

Liz Meeker

Leader: We gather to worship with many needs,

People: We gather to worship in a variety of morning moods:

Leader: Some of us are ready to shout "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

People: Some of us echo the Psalmist's anguish:

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice."

Leader: Some of us are looking for guidance and direction from the Word of God

People: Some of us long passionately to be close to you, O God.

Leader: God, stand ready and able to respond to our needs.

People: In that assurance, come, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

#33, v. 1 & 2

1 O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art.**

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. ***(Refrain)***

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Liz Meeker

Offertory

Music: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” [by W. M. Runyan]

The Doxology

#46

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.

Offering Prayer

Liz Meeker

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Nancy Humes

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Nancy Humes

***COMMUNION**

Meditation

Roger Cram

Communion Hymn

“One Bread One Body”

#393, v. 1-2

Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessings which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more ***(Refrain)***

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. ***(Refrain)***

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Roger Cram

Words of Institution

Rev. Nancy Humes

Music: “Are Ye Able, Said the Master” [by H. S. Mason]

Matthew 20:1-16 & Matthew 22:37 - 40

SERMON The Kingdom of God is _____ *(fill in the blank)*

Rev. Nancy Humes

***CLOSING HYMN “This Is My Song”**

#722 vs. 1 & 3

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;
 here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
 but other hearts in other lands are beating
 with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

3 This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations;
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.

In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Rev. Nancy Humes

POSTLUDE “Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide”

[by W. S. Martin]

Sarah Park

Thank you for joining us at

Mantua Center Christian Church.

- ***The Scholarship Application deadline is today! Be sure to turn it in!***
- ***All potential Choir members please add your name and required information to the Choir Sign-up Sheet in the entryway of the church!***
- ***Please feel free to join in our Sunday “Chat” downstairs in the Campbell Room. Everyone is WELCOME!***
- ***Our Board Meeting is today from 12-1pm. ALL are welcome to join in!***
- ***Our Free Loaves & Fishes community meal is this Thursday, August 25th from 5-6:30pm. Bring a friend and join us for a meal and fellowship!***
- ***Next Sunday is our “4th for the 4C’s”. Please bring all donations to church as the children will be collecting items during the Children’s Moment!***
- ***MARSI will be sponsoring their monthly brunch at the old Mantua Center School next Sunday, August 28th from 12-2pm. It will be an Italian theme. Eat-in or Take-out available. Donations are gratefully accepted!***