

May 7, 2023 Guest Preacher: Rev. Allen V. Harris

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:

- Please use your discretion with 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 if needed for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance for the children, with a picture corresponding to the sermon.
- After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run through 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 Guest Preacher: Rev. Allen V. Harris May 7, 2023

Prelude

"Jesus, We Enthrone You"

Sarah Park

[by Paul Kyle]

Welcome

Kathleen Lewarchick

~ Invitation 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.

Scripture

Psalm 31:1-5

Kathleen Lewarchick

*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

Kathleen Lewarchick

One: We are here to worship a remarkable God

All: The love of God welcomes us, The grace of Christ awaits us,

The joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

One: Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

All: The love of God overflows our hearts, The grace of Christ liberates our spirits, The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

One: Let us worship our God together.

*Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In"

#284, v.1-3

Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery We are the old who yearn for your face We have been sung throughout all of history Called to be light to the whole human race Gather us in, the rich and the haughty Gather us in, the proud and the strong Give us a heart so meek and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the song

3 Here we receive new life in the waters
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Invitation to Generosity

Invitation Offertory **Kathleen Lewarchick**

Music: "Joys are Flowing Like a River"

[Arr. by J. M. Kirk]

*Response

"Give Thanks"

#528

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give Thanks!

Offering Prayer

Kathleen Lewarchick

Children's Moment

Pam Baynes

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allen Harris

Holy Communion

Meditation

Rev. Nancy Humes

Hymn

"Here at Thy Table, Lord"

#384, v. 1-3

1 Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel thee near, in loving power; calling our thoughts away from self and sin. As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

2 Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread; fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead; that we may find in thee pardon and peace; and from all bondage win a full release.

3 Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray; touch with thy pierced hand each common day; making this earthly life full of Thy grace, till in the home of heaven we find our place.

Prayer
Words of Institution

Music "Pass Me Not. O Gentle Savior"

Steve Hurd
Sarah Park

Music "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

[By W. H. Doane]

Scripture Exodus 5:4-11 & Mark 2:23-28 Rev. Allen Harris

Sermon "Upending Empire By Taking a Nap"

*Closing Hymn "Go My Children" #431, v. 1-3

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me; Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Benediction Rev. Allen Harris

Postlude "Walking in Sunlight all of my Journey" Sarah Park [by G. H. Cook]

Thank you for joining us at Mantua Center Christian Church!

- Join us downstairs for coffee, hot chocolate or tea and participate in one of our <u>Sunday Chats</u> if interested! EVERYONE IS welcome!
- Weekly Calendars are available in the entrance of the church for the taking. Help yourself!
- THANK YOU to the Smile Team for organizing our Potluck last Sunday! It was truly a fun time for all, and a wonderful way to send-off Pastor Chad on his Sabbatical! Many thanks to all who attended!
- We still need a group of volunteers to organize the next Potluck on July 30th, so please grab a few friends or maybe a mission group, or Sunday Class and volunteer your time for this fun event! Questions? Contact Sandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org.
- The 4C's Food Cupboard is in need of spare plastic bags or large paper bags. Please bring them to church and give them to Roger Hurd, or place them in the inside or outside bins at your convenience. Thank you in advance!