

July 16, 2023 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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 July 16, 2023

**PRELUDE** 

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Sarah Park

[by J. B. Dykes]

WELCOME

**Rev. Nancy Humes** 

~ 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** 

Isaiah 55:10-13

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\*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

**Rev. Nancy Humes** 

One: We are called to love the Lord our God.

All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

One: We are called to love the Lord our God.

All: We are called to love with all our mind and strength,

One: We are called to love the Lord our God

All: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: Come, let us love our God

All: And share God's love in this time of worship!

## \*OPENING HYMN

# "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

#15, v. 1-2, 4

1 Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky; your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!

#### Refrain:

Rejoice (rejoice), rejoice (rejoice), rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2 Bright youth and seasoned age, strong souls and spirits meek, raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. [Refrain]

**4** Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as you go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe; *[Refrain]* 

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory/Music

"There Comes to my Heart"

Rev. Nancy Humes Sarah Park

[by P. P. Bilhorn]

\*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 Rev. Nancy Humes

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Karli Lind

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**Rev. Nancy Humes** 

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Meditation
\*Hymn "For the Bread, Which You Have Broken" #411, v. 1-3

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words, which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By these pledges that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, consecrate our lives, O Lord.

**3** In your service, Lord, defend us, help us to obey your word; in the world to which you send us let your will be done, O Lord.

Prayer Rev. Nancy Humes
Words of Institution Rev. Nancy Humes

Music "Father, I Stretch my Hands to Thee"

[Arr. By W. Shield]

Sarah Park

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Brighter Days"

**Vince Meier** 

[Blessing Offer \* Sam Ellis]

SCRIPTURE Revelation Chapter 12

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SERMON "Hope"

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\*CLOSING HYMN

"Restless Weaver"

#658, v. 1-3

1 Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom; dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home; gathering up life's varied fibers, every texture, every hue; grant us your creative vision. With us weave your world anew.

- 2 Where earth's fragile web is raveling help us mend each broken strand. Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleaning water, air and land. Through the Spirit's inspiration offering health where there once was painstrengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.
  - 3 When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn, from compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn. Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God to dare. Live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.

**BENEDICTION** 

**Rev. Nancy Humes** 

**POSTLUDE** 

"Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

[bu W. J. Kirkpatrick]

Sarah Park

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

- \* Feel free to join us following worship in the Campbell Room for our Sunday Class "Seekers," led by Rev. Nancy Humes. Today, you also have the option to join in "Life 101" in the Education wing upstairs. All are welcome in either of these groups!
- \* MCCC Board Meeting will be from 12-1pm. All are welcome to attend.
- \* Next Sunday we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social immediately following worship. This event is in honor of Rev. Alicia, and to say "Thank You" for filling in for Pastor Chad while he is on Sabbatical. Her last day with us will be Sunday, July  $30^{\rm th}$ .
- \* Don't forget we will have our MCCC Potluck on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Please stay and don't forget to bring a dish to pass. What a great reason to enjoy some fellowship time with our Church Family!