

MCCC SEASON OF SABBATICAL
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes



July 16, 2023
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Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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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.
- **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).

*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

Katie Baird

***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"

Sarah Park

[Arr. By W. Shield]

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Brighter Days"

Vince Meier

*[Blessing Offer * Sam Ellis]*

SCRIPTURE

Revelation Chapter 12

Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes

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 pain-
strengthen 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”
[by 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 30th.

* Don’t forget we will have our MCCC Potluck on Sunday, July 30th, 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!