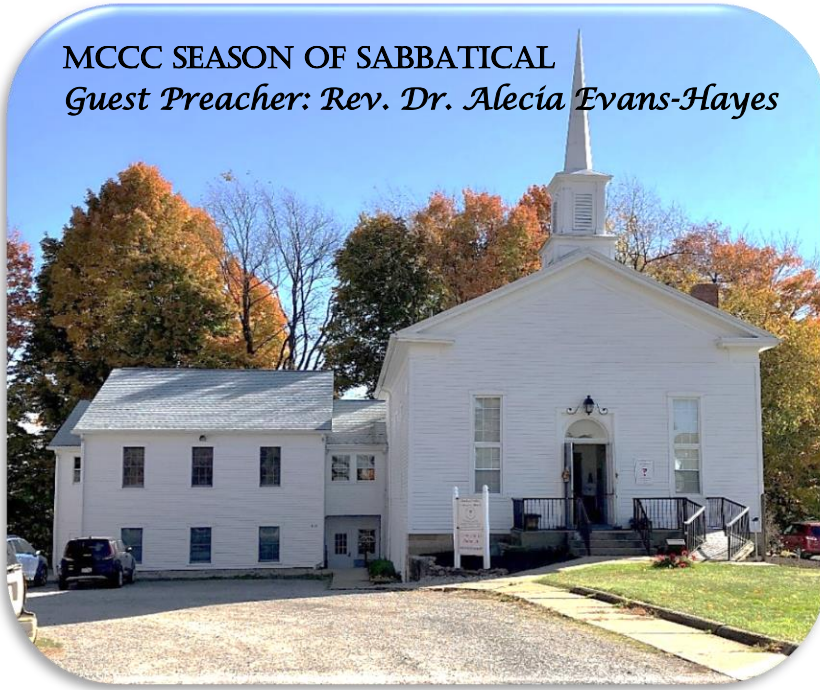


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**If you decide to attend in person, please note the following:**

- **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://mantuacentercc.org)).

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 2, 2023

## PRELUDE

**“I Have Found a Friend in Jesus”**

**Jan Green**

*[by J. R. Murray]*

## 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

**Psalm 89:1-4**

**Rev. Nancy Humes**

## \*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 gather this morning appreciating our freedom to  
worship God as we please.

**All: May God continue to bless the Church of  
Christ in this land.**

One: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

**All: May God continue to bless our country and all  
the countries in the world.**

One: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with  
all peoples of the earth.

**All: May God continue to establish peace on earth  
and help us understand that it begins with us,  
in our hearts.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

## \*OPENING HYMN

**#7, v. 1-2 & 4**

**“When in our Music, God is Glorified”**

**1** When, in our music, God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried,  
"Alleluia!"

2 How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
"Alleluia!"

4 And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
"Alleluia!"

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Offertory/Music

**"I'm Pressing on the Upward Way"**

*[by C. J. Gabriel]*

**Rev. Nancy Humes**

**Sarah Park**

**\*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

**Brian Hurd**

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**Rev. Nancy Humes**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

**\*Hymn**

**"In Remembrance of Me"**

**Pete Pruszynski**

**#403, v. 1**

In remembrance of Me eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.

Take, eat and be comforted, drink and remember too.  
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.  
In remembrance of Me search for truth. In remembrance of Me always love.  
In remembrance of Me don't look above, but in your heart, look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of Me

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

**"On a Hill Far Away"**

*[by G. Bennard]*

**Sandi Kossick**

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**Sarah Park**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*(Guitar & Vocal Solo)*

**Pam Auble**

## SCRIPTURES

**II Kings 3:16-17 (*The Message Bible*)**

**Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes**

## SERMON

**"Make Room"**

**Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

**#480, v. 1-3**

**1** I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.

***[Refrain]***

**I love to tell the story,  
'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.**

**2** I love to tell the story  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own Holy word. ***[Refrain]***

**3** I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. ***[Refrain]***

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Nancy Humes**

**POSTLUDE**

**“There’s Sunshine in my Soul”**  
*[by J. R. Sweney]*

**Sarah Park**

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

\* Please be sure to check out the **new location for Prayer Shawls** on the ladder in the back of the church! Feel free to sign them out to give to someone in need of comfort!