

MCCC SEASON OF SABBATICAL
Guest Speaker: Rick Painley



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Mantua Center Christian Church
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).

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 13, 2023

PRELUDE	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” <i>[Arr. By D. Evans]</i>	Sarah Park
WELCOME		Liz Meeker
	<i>~ Invitation for Mission Updates</i> <i>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.</i>	
	Announcements	
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 105:1-5	Liz Meeker
*RESPONSE	“Weave” <i>Weave, weave, weave us together, Weave us together, in unity and love. Weave, weave, weave us together, weave us together, together in love.</i>	#495
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Liz Meeker
	One: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful. All: Gather us in, the weak and the strong. One: Gather us in the fearful and the brave. All: Gather us in, the young and the old. One: Gather us in, to sing of God’s works. All: Gather us in, to praise God. One: Gather us in, to worship and to wonder. All: Gather us in to know God’s love.	
*OPENING HYMN	“Come, Thou Almighty King” 1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: one God, all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, ancient of days.	#27, v. 1 & 3

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear,
in this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Liz Meeker

Offertory & Music

“All to Jesus, I Surrender

Sarah Park

[by W. S. Weeden]

***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

Liz Meeker

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Becky Tipton

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Liz Meeker

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Roger Cram

***Hymn**

“Let us Break Bread”

#425, v. 1-3

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

[Refrain:]

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) ***[Refrain]***

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) ***[Refrain]***

Prayer

Pete Pruszynski

Words of Institution

Pete Pruszynski

Music

Sarah Park

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

[Arr. By L. Mason]

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God's Mercy”

Jan Green

[by various composers – Cooper, Schrea, & Strack, arranged by Jan Green]

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-24 Rick Painley
SERMON “&” Rick Painley
***CLOSING HYMN** “Ours the Journey” #458, v. 1-2, & 4

1 In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

[Refrain]

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever more.**

2 Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? *[Refrain]*

4 Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
resurrect the church again. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION Liz Meeker

POSTLUDE “What a Wonderful Change in my Life” Sarah Park
[by C. H. Gabriel]

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * For those interested in joining us for our annual **Canoe & Kayak Outing at Camp Hi**, here's some additional information:
- **Meet at Camp Hi at 1:00 PM on Sunday** August 13 (rain date would be the following Sunday). You'll need to sign a waiver also.
 - We'll be traveling from Rte. 422 to Camp Hi, it takes about 3 hours.
 - Cost will be \$36 per person payable to Steve Hurd (so we can get the group rate, Steve will pay once on behalf of everyone.)
 - Same cost for either kayak or canoe - if you're planning on a canoe, make sure you line up a partner.
 - We'll have pizza and pop in a picnic shelter at the end of the trip.
- This is always a great time on a beautiful part of the Upper Cuyahoga - please join us! Questions? Contact Steve Hurd at [330-842-0026](tel:330-842-0026)

* **4th for the 4C's will be here before you know it! The next collection date is Sunday, August 27th.** When doing your grocery shopping this month, perhaps pick up a couple needed items for the food cupboard! **Items needed for August are: Granola Bars and Peanut Butter (Small and Med. Sizes).** Thank you for always being a great support to the community!

* **Attention all knitters & crocheters! Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday August 21st.** Bring a friend if you wish! Questions? Contact **Kathy Meier at: 330-840-8944.** Anyone working on a needlework project is also welcome! Want to learn a new skill? Come join us and learn - Prayer Shawls are always in need!

* **Jan Green is looking for volunteers to join her Dulcimer & Psaltery music group!** They do have a couple extra instruments to loan out for you to try. There are extra flyers on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church with more information. Please check it out! **No reading music required! No previous musical experience is necessary!** Spread the word!

* **Kathleen Lewarchick has recently submitted the Fall Season dates for her Centering Prayer sessions to be held at her house!** (5182 Winchell Rd., Mantua, Oh) The new dates are: **Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, and Nov. 11th.** Please check out the details on the attached flyer, as well as the link that includes more information regarding the Practice of Silent Reflection. Hope you will be able to make it to one (or ALL!) of these sessions! **RSVP Kathleen by the Tuesday prior to each event.**

* **The deadline for Scholarship Applications is NEXT Sunday, August 20th!** If you need a hard copy of the application, contact Ruth Anne Ruehr, rruehr@kent.edu, Jon Secaur jsecaur@kent.edu, or MaryEllen Hamlin, Mhamlin622@gmail.com. Extra copies are also on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

SPECIAL NOTE!

* **The Trustees are in need of some help from the congregation!** They have MANY BOOKS in boxes, in the back "classroom" behind the chancel, that need to be removed. If anyone is able to take some to one of the following places, that would help the Trustees tremendously! You could drop them off at the **World Books drop off bin in Aurora, take them to a library that accepts them (call ahead), or stop by a Thrift Store or 2nd Hand Store that might accept them.** Or, if you know of any other places that we can donate them to, please respond to this email and let me know. **ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**