

MCCC SEASON OF SABBATICAL
Guest Speaker: Pam Auble



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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:

- 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 upstairs nursery is available if needed. 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." (You may also *Give Online* at: mantuacentercc.org).
- **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** Please see Carol Magyarics for help in setting this up.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory & Music

“We Shall be Like Him”
[by C. H. Gabriel]

**Liz Meeker
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

Liz Meeker

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Pam Auble

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Pam Auble

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Rev. Nancy Humes

***Hymn**

“O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near”

#399, v. 1-3

1 O God, unseen yet ever near, reveal thy presence now,
while we, in love that hath no fear, before thy glory bow.

2 Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love—
the streams that thro’ the desert flow, the manna from above.

3 Awhile beside the fount we stay and eat this bread of thine;
then go, rejoicing, on our way, renewed with strength divine.

Prayer

Brian Hurd

Words of Institution

Brian Hurd

Music

“Thou, My Everlasting Portion”
[by S. J. Vail]

Sarah Park

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ryan & Karly Lind, & Beth Schabel

“Walk by Faith”
[by Sundy Best]

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:8
(NRSV)

Pam Auble

SERMON

“Walk by Faith”

Pam Auble

*CLOSING HYMN

“This is My Father’s World”

#59, v. 1-3

1 This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought,
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God’s hands the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the flowers bright, declare their Maker's praise.
Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair;
in rustling grass, I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.

3 Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's creatures everywhere.

BENEDICTION

Pam Auble

POSTLUDE

“Come to the Saviour, Make no Delay”
[by C. H. Gabriel]

Sarah Park

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) needs volunteers, once a month, for a 2-hour shift, to pack groceries or take information from people who need help with groceries. **The shifts are Monday, 4-6pm, Wednesday, 1-3pm, and Friday, 1-3pm at the Hilltop Church.** Volunteers should call **Kathy Hughes at 216-598-0716 or email her at: Kathy123@windstream.net for more information.**

We are really in need of good, reliable helpers and it is such a worthy cause! The 4C's has provided food to the Crestwood Community in need, for over 35years. **Only 2 hours a month** to help keep this organization thriving!! **(Note: This could also be a volunteer position to help students reach their Community Service goal for school!)**

And . . . 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, MCCC, for always being a great support to the community!

* **The deadline for Scholarship Applications is 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. Get it in TODAY!!

* **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 to work on a project! 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!** The group has 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 is excited to bring you 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.

* **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** We have 4 FM Receivers to loan out, on a first come, first serve basis. No setup required. OR . . . use your own smartphone with earbuds, headphones, or hearing aids. You will need to:

- 1) Download WaveCast Audio Receiver
- 2) Connect to MCCCHearingAssist (The WIFI password is: ihearMCCC)
- 3) Open WaveCast app and select MCCCHearingAssist

You may also ask Carol Magyarics, our video technician, for setup tips! The best time for instructions with Carol is **EARLY before worship**, or following the service.

SPECIAL NOTE!

* **The Trustees need 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 (and the church) tremendously! You could drop them off at the **World Books drop off bin in Aurora, or 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 take donated books, please let Sandi Kossick, or any of the Trustees know. Even taking 10 books at a time is truly a help!