

MCCC SEASON OF SABBATICAL
Guest Speaker: Ryan Lind



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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.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Lord, Jesus, We Enthroned You" Sarah Park
[by P. Kyle]

WELCOME Liz Meeker
~ **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.*

Announcements

SCRIPTURE Psalm 138:1-3 Liz Meeker

***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** Liz Meeker

One: It is the beginning of a new school year, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations.

All: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

One: God called Abraham and Sarah to a new land.

All: And it was good.

One: God called Moses and created the people Israel.

All: And it was good.

One: God was with the people Israel.

All: God is with us now.

One: God gave Abraham, Sarah and Moses the courage to step out in faith.

All: God gives us courage to step out in faith.

One: God is with us wherever go.

All: Come let us worship God with us.

One: Let's worship our God of new beginnings.

***OPENING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #56, v.1, 3-4

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Offertory & Music

“Sing Then Over Again to Me”

[by P. P. Bliss]

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

Kathleen Lewarchick

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Liz Meeker

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

***Hymn**

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Katie Baird

#351, v. 1-2

1 Like the woman at the well
I was seeking for things that could not satisfy;
and then I heard my Savior speaking;
“Draw from my well that never shall run dry”

[Refrain]

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of Heaven, feed me ‘til I want no more –
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!**

2 There are millions in this world who are craving
the pleasure earthly things afford;
but none can match the wondrous treasure
that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord. ***[Refrain]***

Prayer Words of Institution Music	“Saviour! Thy Dying Love” <i>[by R. Lowry]</i>	Ally Bozeka Ally Bozeka Sarah Park
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Abide With Me” <i>[by William Henry Monk]</i>	Jon Bozeka
SCRIPTURE	Exodus: 1:1-22 :10	
SERMON	“The Present Tense”	Ryan Lind
*CLOSING HYMN	“We are Walking” <i>(3x - Walking, Singing, Dancing)</i>	#442
	We are walking* in the light of God we are walking in the light of God we are walking in the light of God we are walking in the light of God We are walking, Ooo we are walking in the light of God We are walking, Ooo we are walking in the light of God */singing/dancing/	
BENEDICTION		Liz Meeker
POSTLUDE	“When We Walk With the Lord” <i>[by W. H. Doane]</i>	Sarah Park

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* **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.

* 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 35 years. **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 week, 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!

* **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!*

* **DOTTIE SUMMERLIN is looking for a volunteer to help organize and reimagine MCCC's "Day of Kindness.** If you are interested in helping out or can think of some new ideas, please email Dottie at drs52652@gmail.com, or call/text 440-567-1403. (In the past we have donated cookies to the local Fire and Police Depts., we have had a group making prayer shawls, sanding hand-held crosses, writing cards to those in need, making "Blessing Bags" for the homeless, helping to clean up someone's yard, etc. Any ideas? Contact Dottie!

* **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!

* **Hilltop Christian Church is having their annual Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 9th from 12-6pm (or until they run out!).** Adults \$14, Children (ages 5-8) \$6, 4 and under are free. **The adult meal is 1/2 of a chicken, green beans, homemade potato salad, roll and pie.** Dine in or carry-out. See hilltopchristianchurch.org for details. Please **PREORDER BY SEPT 6TH BY 6PM.** Order at the website or call/text 330-803-0805.

* **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.**

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! Thank you so much to all those who have already taken some of the books!