

MCCC SEASON OF SABBATICAL
Guest Speaker: Liz Meeker



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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 6, 2023

PRELUDE

“Spirit Song”
[by John Wimber]

Sarah Park

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 145:8-9

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: What does this worship service need?

**All: Quiet where faith can grow, song that blossoms hope, scripture
that remembers love, honest words to untangle a small length of
knotty existence, gifts offering service of the heart.**

One: Who shall come to this worship service?

All: All who are seeking the touch of God.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#25, v. 1-2

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.
All ye who hear,
now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen?
All that is needful hath been
granted in what God ordaineth?

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory & Music

“Jesus, Rose of Sharon”
[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

Kathleen Lewarchick

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Liz Meeker

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Sandi Kossick

***Hymn**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

#419, v. 1-2

1 All who hunger gather gladly; Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer

Beth Schabel

Words of Institution

Beth Schabel

Music

Sarah Park

“Would you be Free From your Burden of Sin?”

[by L. E. Jones]

SPECIAL MUSIC

“All for the Best”

Jon Secaur & Steve Hurd

[from Godspell – by Stephen Schwartz]

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8

Liz Meeker

SERMON

“Mercy Equals Justice, or Does It?”

Liz Meeker

***CLOSING HYMN**

“I Would be True”

#608, v. 1-2

1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

2 I would be friend of all--the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

BENEDICTION

Liz Meeker

POSTLUDE

“Standing on the Promises”
[by R. K. Carter]

Sarah Park

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * **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!
- * **NEW!!** 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, I 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)
- * **Attention all knitters & crocheters! Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday Aug. 7th and 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!
- * **Don't forget that Pam Auble is looking for nature photos** (specifically, photos of rivers, mountains, sunsets, night skies, will be great. However, your garden flowers, forest path or backyard will be appreciated too! Pam will use these photos to share in worship on August 20th. **Please email your pictures by August 8th to: auble4@windstream.net.** THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!!
- * **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 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.