

MCCC SEASON OF SABBATICAL
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes



July 30, 2023
Saying Goodbye to Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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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).

3 O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
O blazing fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight. **(Refrain)**

4 And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, alleluia!
You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. **(Refrain)**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

**Brian Hurd
Sarah Park**

Offertory & Music

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”
[by G. B. Shea]

***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

Brian Hurd

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Brian Hurd

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Brian Hurd

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Sally Hoffman

***Hymn**

“Eat This Bread”

#414 (3x)

Eat this bread, drink this cup.
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup.
Come to me and you will not thirst.

Prayer

Steve Hurd

Words of Institution

Steve Hurd

Music

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour”
[by W. H. Doane]

Sarah Park

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Save the People”

Jon Secaur

[from Godspell – by Stephen Schwartz]

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes

Matthew 26:17-29, Mark 14:12-25, Luke 22:7-38, I Corinthians 11:23-25

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Alecia Evans-Hayes

“Don’t Forget”

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Spirit Song”

#352, v. 1-2

1 O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

(Refrain)

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

2 O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. ***(Refrain)***

A LITANY OF PARTING

Brian Hurd

LEADER: Lord, you have called Dr. Rev. Alecia Evans-Hayes back to her community after serving with us for the past two months.

PEOPLE: **We are sad to see her go, but we recognize that just as she has been your gift to us she returns to her community of faith taking with her a part of us.**

LEADER: We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage and ministry diverge.

PEOPLE: **We thank you for all that we have done or learned and shared together.**

LEADER: We pray for her as she goes from here to continue on her journey.

PEOPLE: **May she grow in your grace and in the knowledge of your love that she may be a blessing to many.**

LEADER: We pray for the community to which she returns. That they will continue to value her, support her, learn from her and encourage her.

PEOPLE: **We pray for ourselves as we stay here, that you will keep us faithful to the vision we have shared, and that you will continue to expand our vision of ourselves within your world-wide community of faith.**

LEADER: As we part, we reaffirm that it has been your Spirit that brought us together in the first place, your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship and that is your Spirit that helps us prepare for Chad's return.

PEOPLE: **It is your Spirit that keeps us all together in the worldwide family of your church.**

LEADER: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Jon Secaur

Go now in peace, with our love, and our prayers supporting you.
Go in strength with the gifts we have shared in our time together.
Go in joy with the assurance that the bonds of our love in Christ
cannot be broken.
You are a part of our family. Here you will always be at home.
Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sarah Park

“My Soul Today is Thirsting for Living Streams”
[by H. I. Gilmour]

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * **Last Sunday, we forgot to collect items for the 4C's!** Items needed for July are: COFFEE, DISH SOAP, & CANNED FRUIT. Monetary donations are also welcome! If you have any donations, please place them in the inside or outside bins of the church! Items needed for August are: Granola Bars and Peanut Butter (Small and Med. Sizes)
- * Thanks to the Elder's for sponsoring our **3rd Potluck lunch** of the year! Please join us downstairs following worship for some food & fellowship – All are welcome!
- * Grab a plate from the potluck and feel free to join us in the Campbell Room for our Sunday Class, “Seekers,” led by Rev. Nancy Humes.
- * Attention all **knitters & crocheters!** Since there are 5 Mondays this month, we will have an EXTRA “yarning day” to work on projects! Mark your calendar for **Monday, July 31st!** Meet us at the Hilltop Church from 1:30-3:00pm. Bring a friend if you wish! Questions? Contact **Kathy Meier at: 330-840-8944.** Anyone working on a needlework project is also welcome! **Our next project date will be August 7th.**
- * **We will be honoring Joan Siman with a Memorial Service on Friday, Aug. 4th at 11am.** There will be a luncheon provided by MCCC in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We still need a few food donations. If you can help with a donation, or help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003. Many hands make lighter work!!
- * 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.
- * **Jan Green is looking for volunteers to join her Dulcimer & Psaltery music group!** They do have a couple extra instruments to loan out to try. There is an attachment to this email with more information, and there will be extra copies of this flyer in the entrance of the church. Please check it out! No reading music required!

* Hot off the Press! **Kathleen Lewarchick has just 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.

****SPECIAL NOTE****

Rev. Nancy Humes and Katie Baird are currently participating as representatives of MCCC, and will vote on our behalf as voting delegates. They would like to share with you two links with information regarding issues they will be voting upon. Please look at this information, **and if you would like your voice to be heard, please contact Nancy (330) 592-2855, or Katie (330) 285-8537.** The General Assembly runs from July 29th – August 1st in Louisville, Kentucky. **Many thanks to them both for representing our church!**

Here is the link to all the business for this year's General Assembly.

<https://ga.disciples.org/business/> You must scroll down a bit until you get to the spreadsheet with all the business items in red. Click on the name of the business item and the text for it will come up.

Also, here is a link to a brief video that was created to explain the main changes in GA-2343 Amendments to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <https://youtu.be/utHFvH-p1f8> Nancy thought it was very helpful.