



July 27, 2025

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:

- The upstairs nursery is available 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 Sunday Classes at 12pm.
- **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** Please see Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley (our video techs) for help in setting this up.
- **Want to schedule a meeting with Chad?** Click on the following link or check our website!
<https://calendly.com/pastormccc/meeting?month=2024-02>.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 27, 2025

PRELUDE

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Sarah Park

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Humes

Announcements

~ **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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 147:1, 7

Rev. Nancy Humes

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise
is fitting. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God!

WELCOME SONG

“We Gather Together”

#276, v. 1

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will know.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Nancy Humes

ONE: Worship doesn't wait for the perfect moment.

ALL: God meets us right where we are!

ONE: In the middle of our questions, our busyness, our blessings—

ALL: God shows up and says, “You're not alone.”

ONE: So we show up with hearts ready to receive God's grace.

ALL: Let us worship the One who walks with us through it all!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Bring Many Names”

#10, vs. 1-3, 6

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

2 Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Rev. Nancy Humes

Offertory

Music:

“I Come to the Garden Alone”
[by C. A. Miles]

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

Rev. Nancy Humes

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick

(After Children’s Moment, the children are invited to go to Sunday School for a lesson, snack, and time to play. Thank you to our volunteers!)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Home by Another Road”
[by Mark A. Miller]

Jon Secaur

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Nancy Humes

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Jon Secaur

*Communion Hymn

#387, vs. 1-2

“Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

1 Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

Sandi Kossick

Sandi Kossick

Sarah Park

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

SCRIPTURE**Exodus 31:3-5****Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick**

3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.

SERMON**“Perspectives”****Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick*****CLOSING HYMN****“Fill the World with Love”****#467, vs. 1-4**

1 With the vision in our minds of how the world could be
And the fullness of our heart from the suffering we see
When we make all that we are and have part of God’s destiny
We can fill the world with love. We can fill the world with love.

2 All the people in this world living lives of pain and fear
Crying out into the night, wondering when someone will hear
While there are so many others having so much they can share
Can we fill the world with love? Can we fill the world with love?

3 We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and to heal
Know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel
But together as we labor God’s compassion to reveal
We will fill the world with love. We will fill the world with love.

4 Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our dismay
There’s a power at work within us that has promised a new day
And the time will surely come, it will not be long delayed
When God fills the world with love. When God fills the world with love.

BENEDICTION**Rev. Nancy Humes****POSTLUDE****“Living for Jesus, Oh, What Peace!”****Sarah Park***[by C. F. Weigele]*

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

Special thanks to Kathleen Leigh Lewarchick for blessing us with her sermon and our Art Show, Rev. Nancy Humes, Sarah Park, Carol Magyarics and Rick Painleyf, our Elders, and Jon Secaur for their contributions to our service this morning!

MCCC Announcements - July 27, 2025

- **1)** Sunday Classes following worship are: "Life 101" led by Carol Buzbee, and "The Seekers" led by Nancy Humes. ALL are welcome to attend either of these classes.
- **2)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our meetings in August will be at the Hilltop Church on Monday, August 4th & 17th. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, from 1:30-3pm, All yarn and hand work creators are welcome to come, work on their projects, and visit!
- **3)** Ruth Anne Ruehr is asking if the ladies of the church could donate cupcakes and/or brownies for her brother-in-law's Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 26th. She will need a total of 5 dozen of each. If you are able to help, please contact Nora Brant at (216) 956-1286 so she can keep track of all donations. Ruth Anne will be available at MCCC from 10:30-11:30am on Saturday, July 26th for drop-off of their baked goods.
- **4)** The Cann, Converse, and Converse Memorial Scholarship Applications are now available for those who are going into higher education to enhance their education. The application form is attached for your use. If a hard copy of the application is needed, please let one of the committee members know. The deadline for having applications turned in is Sunday, August 17, 2025. The committee members are Ruth Anne Ruehr, rruehr@kent.edu, Jon Secaur, jsecaur@kent.edu, and MaryEllen Hamlin, Mhamlin622@gmail.com.
- **5)** On Sunday, July 27th, Kathleen Lewarchick will be preaching on the topic of "perspectives", with an emphasis on the Visual Arts and Theology. She would like to have an art show following worship in the Fellowship Hall, displaying artwork by the congregation! The art show is open to all forms of art: Fiber arts, painting, stamping, woodworking, watercolors, acrylics, weaving, spoken word - whatever the congregation wants to bring in to share! Preferably, bring your own pieces so that we can showcase the talents of our little country church! I also encourage people to wear BRIGHT COLORS to church on Sunday, July 27th! Please bring your artwork to the church by 9:15am for set-up in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen at (330) 414-0338.
- **6)** Attention all Chi-Rho'ers! The McCreight Family would like to invite you to their home for a pool party, gathering, and potluck on Sunday, July 27th from 4:30-7:30pm! (7127 St. Rt. 82, Garrettsville, Oh 44231). This can be an opportunity for folks to catch up and to look ahead to the next year of programming for our young adults. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians are welcome to stay the whole time. Friends are more than welcome to attend, Questions, call 330-977-7834. Peace, Chris McCreight
- **7)** "4th for the 4C's" food collection will be Sunday, July 27th. Items needed in July are: Pop Tarts, Crackers, Cookies, & Pancake Mix. Remember . . . NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHERS! (Note: We also collect baby items for the Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway with the 4C's items. See #10 in the list for details.)

- **8)** Our Annual Canoe/Kayak Trip is scheduled! This year's event will be Sunday, August 3rd at 12:30pm at Camp Hi. Pizza and drinks will be available before we paddle from Camp Hi to Mantua. All are welcome to participate, but please RSVP to Steve Hurd at: 330-842-0026 if you are interested! CYF will also be participating. Pricing will be coming soon - so please keep an eye out!
- **9)** The next Loaves and Fishes Free Community Dinner will be Thursday, July 31st from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! This is a free community meal, and all are welcome to attend. (Donations are gratefully accepted but not required.) If you would like to help with ANY part of this dinner, please contact Carolin Newell at: 330-606-7125.
- **10)** The next date for the Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway is Saturday, August 9th, from 9am-12 noon at St. Joseph school building. Spread the word - **ALL ARE WELCOME!!** The **ONLY** shed that is utilized for the Free Clothing Giveaway is on the south side of the MCCC parking lot, and it is currently **OPEN** for donations! They need diapers (Currently sizes 2, 4, 5, & 7), baby wipes, large black trash bags (30-33 gal), and regular trash bags (13 gal.). You can bring the baby items or trash bags to the church at your convenience by leaving them in the outside bin at the lower-level entrance of the church, OR bring them on July 27th to donate with the 4C's food collection during worship. Questions? Call Nancy Tafel at (330) 416-0752. Thank you for your support.
- **11)** Remember to save your can tabs (from soup, pop, etc!) The jar is located just inside the lower-level entrance window. After collecting the tabs, please drop them in the jar at your convenience. The proceeds will benefit research for NFS (Neurofibromatosis) - a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. It can present either internally or externally and many times begins in adolescence. (Family members within our community are currently afflicted with this disorder.) Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for collecting these tabs to raise awareness and money for research.

Mantua Community Events

- 1) The Mantua Area Restoration Society (MARSI) continues to have suppers at the old Mantua Center School on the 2nd Friday of each month from 4-7pm and it's open to **ALL!** The "2nd Fridays Supper" is by donation only. Join us on August 8th and take a night off from cooking. They even have live music provided by Steve Stork for your enjoyment!
- 2) Activities for the "older generation" are happening at Buchert Park Village Lodge, 4810 E. High St., Mantua, every Wednesday from 11am-3pm. For more information call 330-274-8776, ext.155 or 330-297-2575. Also check Facebook: "Crestwood Community Center" for weekly schedules!
- 3) Mantua Variety Market is held every Saturday through August 23rd from 9-1 at the Lutheran Church in Mantua. This is an outside event to sell your "wares" or garden products. Contact Diane Lottig at 330-274-2868 to register by the Thursday before.
- 4) Farmers & Makers Market at the Granary in Mantua is running on the 2nd & 4th Friday from 4-7pm of each month through August. Explore locally made products and produce, enjoy live music, and more! Stop by and check it out!