



Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Sunday, January 3, 2021
Epiphany Sunday

Order of Worship

GATHERING SONG “Built on a Rock” **Jan Green**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS **Pastor Sarah Smith**

SONG “Weave” **Pam Auble & Beth Schabel**

Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 60:1-6**

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

**O come Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker. For great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

OPENING HYMN “All Things Bright and Beautiful” **#61**

1st verse & refrain

***All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful; in love God made them all.***

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. ***(Refrain)***

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. ***(Refrain)***

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah Smith

SONG RESPONSE

“Open My Eyes, Lord”

Pam Auble & Beth Schabel

Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus.
To reach out and touch Him. And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord. And help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:21-24

SERMON

Thin Places

Rick Painley

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Song

“Be Thou My Vision”

Doug Rice

#595

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer; my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Meditation

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

CLOSING SONG

“Let All Things Now Living”

#717

Let all things now living,
a song of thanksgiving,
to God our creator triumphantly raise;

who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:

Till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;

the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God Devine.

We, too, should be voicing,
our love and rejoicing
with glad adoration, a song let us raise:

Till all things now living
united in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

BENEDICTION

Rick Painley

DEPARTURE SONG

“March of the Three Kings”

Jan Green

Arr. E. Broughton (traditional Provencal melody)