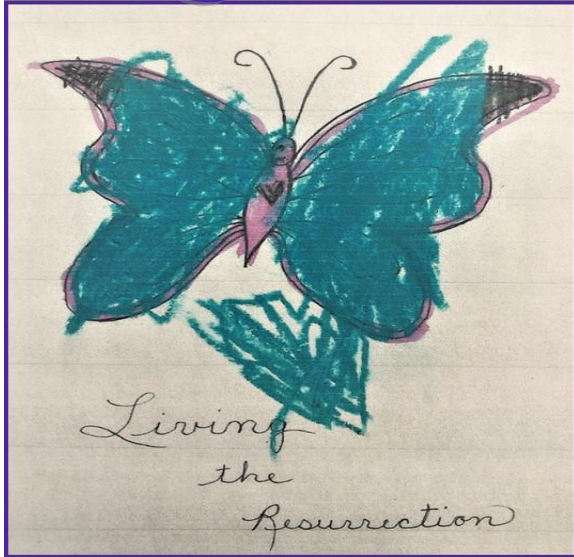


*Reach*



**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
***Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms***  
***Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)***  
**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

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### **Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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**

**Psalm 119:167-276**

**Ellie Monroe**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**#585**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in Prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**Ally Hurd**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Chad Delaney**

**SONG RESPONSE**

**"Shepherd Me, O God"**

**Pam Auble & Beth Schabel**

Shepherd Me, O God beyond my thoughts,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 15:1-32**

**SERMON**

**Throw out the Invitation**

**Sarah Smith**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“How Can I Keep from Singing”**

**Jon Secaur**

My life goes on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear its music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear  
But to their office clinging,  
When friends rejoice both far and near  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

And now a virus has appeared  
With death and mis'ry bringing,  
But hope grows bright in one more year  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Liz Meeker**

Communion Song

**“One Bread, One Body”**

**Led by Pam Auble #393**

*Refrain:*

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *(Refrain)*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *(Refrain)*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *(Refrain)*

Meditation

Communion Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**CLOSING SONG**

**“Nearer my God, to Thee”**

**#577**

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E’en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer my God, to thee  
nearer, my God, to thee, near-er to thee!

When like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
then in my dreams I’d be nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, near-er to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given’  
angels to beckon me nearer, my god, to thee;  
nearer, my god, to thee, near-er to thee!

**BENEDICTION**

**Chad Delaney**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Bring Them In”**

**Jan Green**

Arr. By Tom Birchwood [based on Shepherd by W.A. Ogden]\_Track 1.m4a