



Sunday, April 11, 2021
Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
Rev. Chad Delaney, Senior Minister
Student Pastor, Sarah Smith

Order of Worship

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chad Delaney

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

Mike Hoskin

OPENING HYMN

"Thine is the Glory"

Vocals by Pam Auble

1 Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. ***(Refrain)***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ally Hurd

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gathering of Spirits"

(Lyrics on last page)

**Vocals by Beth Schabel & Peggy Painley
Instrumentals by Pam Auble**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

Looking for Jesus in the Common Times

Pam Auble

***Reflections on the Scripture by Laura Parker, Paul Meeker, Hannah Heron, and
Aaron and Jennifer Burnett***

HOLY COMMUNION

Ruth Anne Ruehr

Meditation

Communion Song

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

#638

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Communion Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution

CLOSING SONG

“Open My Eyes

#586

**Vocals by Beth Schabel, Peggy Painley
Instrumentals by Pam Auble**

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

**Open my eyes,
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my heart,**

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. ***(Refrain)***

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share. ***(Refrain)***

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Sing of One who Walks Beside Us”
(Chalice Hymnal, Pg. 231)

Jan Green



The Gathering of Sprits
By Carrie Newcomer

1st Verse & Refrain

Let it go my love, my truest
Let it sail on silver wings
Life's a twinkling and that's for certain
But it's such a fine thing
There's a gathering of spirits
There's a festival of friends
And we'll take up where we left off
When we all meet again.

2 Oh yeah, now didn't we
And don't we make it shine
Aren't we standing in the center of
Something rare and fine
Some glow like embers
Like a light through colored glass
Some give it all in one great flame
Throwing kisses as they pass **(Refrain)**

3 East of Eden
But there's Heaven in our midst
And we're never really all that far
From those we loved and miss
Wade out in the water
There's a glory all around
And the wisest say there's a thousand ways
To kneel and kiss the ground **(Refrain)**