



***A Service to Celebrate the Life of  
Carol Weltzin Mauger  
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*I am the resurrection and the life.*

*Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,*

*and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

John 11:25-6

Order of Worship

Prelude

Opening Words of Promise and Welcome

Call to Worship.....Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: When life's hardships enter my life, God promises to be with me.  
When people seek to do me wrong, they shall stumble and fall.  
When it seems like the world is at war with my health and wholeness,  
my confidence in God will overcome all fear.**

Leader: I only ask to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold divine beauty and be a part of God's family.  
Even though difficulties surround me,  
faith allows me to sing for joy and make melodies to the Lord.

**People: When I cry out, God will answer.  
When I seek God's presence, it shall not be hidden.  
When adversaries threaten and enemies forsake,  
God will show me pathways of peace and love.**

Leader: Trust in God and see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your hearts take courage.  
Wait for the Lord to come to all of you!

**\*Opening Hymn.....*In the Garden***

**I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

Greeting

A Time of Prayer and Unison Lord's Prayer ("trespasses")

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.**

Musical Response by the Sanctuary Choir      *On Eagle's Wings*      Joncas

Scripture Readings

Old Testament	Exodus 15:1-3, 11-13, 17-18	[page 48]
	Psalm 23	[page 390]
New Testament	I Corinthians 13:1-8a	[page 134]
	John 20:11-18	[page 88]

Anthem by Finally at First      *Hallelujah*      song Cohen; lyrics by F @ F

Funeral Meditation      *A Song for the Lord*      Rev. Mark Mendes

A Time of Sharing

Memories, Sentiments and Stories of Carol

A Memorial Song      *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*      IZ

Affirmation of Faith [Romans 8]

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Anthem by the Sanctuary Choir *I Will Call Upon the Lord* O'Shields

*Carol sang in and loved the Sanctuary Choir. Today's anthem is the Sanctuary Choir's tribute of love to her and the many fond memories of her they will always treasure. She will be dearly missed.*

Commendation

Benediction

Pastoral Benediction

**\*Sung Community Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
God now in peace, in faith and in love**

Funeral Recessional.....Finally @ First's Rendition of *Spirit in the Sky* Greenbaum

*\* Please stand if you are able*

*\*\*Everyone is invited downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship where you can support Carol's family and share your stories.*