



MARCH 22, 2020 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Immortal Invisible* No. 25

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Beaver UCC!

If you are new or would like more information, please fill out a welcome card, located in the holder on the back of each pew, and place it in the offering plate.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children are invited to come forward.
Children are dismissed for Sunday School class.

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Alex Ignatiou

Children's Sunday School: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King

Young Learners: K – 3rd Teacher: Sarah Hogan

Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
- Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
- Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
- The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.

Today's altar flowers are given by the Rauls family in honor of Morgan's birthday.

† Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication

March 29th, 2020

Scripture: Ps 130 and John 11:1-45

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: God, sometimes, the days are long, the nights are even longer, and we're so tired. And then you soothe us and bring us to gentle places. You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing. Sometimes, life is moving too fast, and we can't find a moment to breathe, and then you surround us with stillness and bring an even rhythm to our breath. You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing. Sometimes, we're parched, and it seems nothing will quench our thirst, we're famished and we can't find anything to eat, and then you refresh and fill us. You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing. Sometimes, the valley is dark and the shadows are heavy and we're afraid. But then we feel your strength, and we have courage. You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing. There are the times when it seems we're up against the world; you show those who push the hardest that you have called us to serve. You touch us, and we are blessed. We will praise you and dwell with you forever, O God. We will worship you this day and always!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: O Wise and Gracious God, we are each a small dot, a pixel, in the picture of your amazing creation. You have designed us to work together. And yet, we continue to separate ourselves, to live as if our strength lies in our individuality. We confess to you that we often find it easier to celebrate our solitude, to thrive on our individual gain, and to seek ways to lift ourselves above the canvas as more important than others. We pray that you will impress upon us your definition of "one" as together, and that we will seek both the ability and the courage to move away from "one" that is each of us alone. Forgive us, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: We thank you, O God, for your steadfast love and forgiveness. Guide us, we pray, through the life and love you show us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 88
Joys and Concerns

People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts (*Doxology*)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Prayer of Blessing

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pg. 313 OT
 John 9:1-41 Pg. 137 NT

SERMON "Surprise"

COMMUNION

PARTING SONG* *Lord of Life*

Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.

Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.

Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.

BENEDICTION, POSTLUDE, & CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March Meetings: None

Today; **OGHS Offering**

We will be taking up a special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" next Sunday. This is one of the 4 special offerings we take up for our denomination each year. This offering will go to helping those in need around the world, including programs in 138 different countries.

Mon., Mar. 23rd; **City Barbeque Fundraiser, 6:00pm**

We will have our City BBQ fundraiser on Monday March 23rd. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic we will not be able to meet together, and thus everyone will need to do take out orders. Bring the coupon when you pick up your order so we can get back 25% of your purchase price. There was a copy of the coupon in the March newsletter, there is a copy on our website, and there is a copy on our Facebook page.

Sun., Apr. 12th; **Easter Sunday, 10:30 am**

All indications are that we will not be able to worship in person until at least May. Being that this is the case, we will be celebrating Easter via our online service on Facebook. There will be only one Easter service, and that will be at 10:30am. Once the service has concluded, it will remain on Facebook, for those that wish to view it later.