



APRIL 12, 2020 10:30 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 217

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

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

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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 Petrick family in honor of Sarah's birthday.

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith. Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with Resurrection power in all the places of our lives! We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace. This story of “Alleluia!” means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life in all the places of our lives! We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit. Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives! We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” for Christ is living and so are we! Alleluia indeed!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death; fear may suffocate us, the loss of dreams and hopes for our families, our communities, our nation and ourselves. Sorrow may wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief. Yet the stories of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death, but with the word, “Alleluia!” So on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with “fear and great joy” so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and instead raise up the scepter of joy. Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* No. 228
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 Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

SERMON "Let Go"

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:

April Meetings: None

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

April 19th, 2020

Acts 2:14, 22-32 & John 20:19-31