



JANUARY 24, 2021 10:30 A.M.  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\*      *Rise Up, O Church of God*      No. 293

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

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\*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: 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher: Brittany King  
Young Learners: K – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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Today's altar flowers are given by Ted and Bertine Dolkowski, in honor of Ted's 94th birthday.

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

January 31, 2021  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

**All:** We gather to respond to the call of God's love thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us. May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others. Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied. Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded. May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:** Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.

**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                      Jonah 3:1-5,10                      OT pg. 1003  
   Mark 1:14-20                      NT pg. 47

SERMON                      "Follow"

CLOSING HYMN\*              *Amazing Grace*                      No. 202

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:**

**January Meetings:**

**Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**Today, Annual Cong. Meeting, 12:00 pm**

**Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Tue., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>;                      **Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00pm**

Every Tuesday we will have our virtual social hour from 7:00-8:00pm. We will connect via Zoom, a popular app that works on laptops, smartphones, iPads, computers with a camera and microphone, or you can even call in on a regular phone. It is free when you sign up for a basic account, and more information can be found at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) where you can get your free account. However, an account is not necessary to join the meeting. The information for the meeting will be sent out via the all-church email list every Tuesday. If you are not on the all-church email list, send your email to Pastor Brian and he can add you. We will continue the social hour every Tuesday at 7:00pm until things return to normal circumstances more or less.

Today;                      **Annual Meeting, 12:00pm**

Our 2021 annual congregation meeting will be held today, after worship, at 12:00pm. Because we are not meeting in person, the annual meeting will be held over both Zoom and Facebook Live. You will need to choose one or the other, because we ask that you not connect via both at the same time, as that will cause a delayed feedback issue. The link for Zoom was sent out over email yesterday, and the Facebook Live stream will be on the church's Facebook page. One week prior to the meeting we sent out all of the financial reports, the new budget, the annual minutes from last year, and the slate of consistory candidates via email. If you cannot attend the virtual annual meeting, you will be able to email or call me, Pastor Brian, at 937-469-1383 or [PastorBrian@BeaverUCC.org](mailto:PastorBrian@BeaverUCC.org) and place your votes on those items in advance. I know that this is certainly not a preferred method of handling our annual meeting, but for the time being it is the safest way we can accomplish this. I certainly hope that by 2022 we will be meeting as normal.