



FEBRUARY 21, 2021 10:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 64

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.

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.
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Today's altar flowers are given by Karen & Bill Barger in memory of Rev. Charles Eastman and his years of ministry.

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

February 28, 2021
Psalm 22:23-31 & Romans 4:13-25

CALL TO WORSHIP†

All: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships; Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly. You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations. For you we wait. May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us. Amen.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to start over. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with affirming activities and thoughts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Observe, find comfort, and offer with courage to restore and build relationships among God's people. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 43
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 Psalm 25:1-10 OT pg. 608
 Mark 1:9-15 NT pg. 47

SERMON "Lead Me"

CLOSING HYMN* *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* No. 380

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:

February Meetings:

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

February 24, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Tue., Feb. 23rd; **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 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.

Thur., Feb. 25th; **Book Study via Zoom, 7:00pm**

We will have a new book study that will be three weeks in length on Thursday evenings, starting on Thursday February 25th, and ending on Thursday March 11th. We will meet all nights at 7PM over Zoom, and the information for the Zoom meeting will be sent out via the all church email list each Thursday. The book we are reading is *Crazy Faith: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives* by Susan K. Williams Smith. It is not as well-known of a book but there should be new paperback copies available on Amazon soon if you order now, and there are several cheap used copies for sale there currently. It is also available on Amazon Kindle; the ISBN number is (978-0817015312).

February 25th – Introduction, Chapters 1-4

March 4th – Chapters 5-8

March 11th – Chapters 9-12, Conclusion