



MARCH 14, 2021 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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

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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 Karen and Bill Barger in honor of Elmer Smith's 98th birthday.

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

March 21, 2021  
Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Hebrews 5:5-10

CALL TO WORSHIP†

**All:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, why have you come to worship this morning? We come to celebrate the love of God in the form of Jesus Christ. This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles. We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection. If only we will trust, Jesus leads us in the way of light and love. We come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us so much!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All:** O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

**Leader:** You are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of you. So return God's blessing by the way you love others.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Abide with Me* No. 419  
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 107:1-3, 17-22 OT pg. 668  
Ephesians 2:1-10 NT pg. 259

SERMON "Great Love"

CLOSING HYMN\* *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 59

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:**

**Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm**  
**March 24, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Tue., Mar. 16<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; **OGHS Offering**

We will be taking up a special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" this 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.