



APRIL 25, 2021 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 26

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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Jeannette Papajcik in memory of Bob Papajcik.

Sat., May 1st; **Front Steps Work Day, 9:00am**

Our front steps need to have the plywood and carpet coverings replaced due to the plywood no longer being sealed against water. We will be working on this project over several phases. The first phase will involve removing the old plywood, carpet, and patching any large holes made in the process. We will be showing up at 9:00am on Saturday the May 1st to work on this. Because of the closeness with which we will have to work, we are asking that all volunteers for this project be vaccinated and bring a mask to wear. We would also ask that you bring gloves, crowbars, cordless drills, circular saws, grinders, large hammers, and claw hammers if you have them. In the case of rain we will reschedule for another Saturday.

Ongoing; **Memorial Plaque**

We are very grateful for everyone who contributed both time and funds to make the truss repair project possible. Several of the donations were given in memory of someone important to the donor. Therefore, the consistory has decided to make a special dedication in the form of a plaque with the names listed of those memorialized and or honored. If you would like to add a person or a couple to this list for your donation, please contact either Pastor Brian or Melissa Baumbarger with this information.

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

May 2, 2021

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 & John 15:1-8

CALL TO WORSHIP†

All: **We are welcomed into the family of God on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. Let us worship God together in faith, hope and love. We lift our eyes, thoughts and hearts to you, O God. Your pastoral care of all of us brings us together. We offer our praise and thanks to you for shepherding our church family and indeed the whole United Church of Christ. We pray for blessings, instructions and peace through our Welcoming Shepherd, Jesus. Amen.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: **Gentle God, remind us, that as a part of your family no one is unattended, or considered "less than," or left outside the fold of your realm. Especially on this Good Shepherd Sunday, help us to recognize the strength we gain from one another.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Like the Good Shepherd, we can be led to know each other by name, to feed and to be fed by the other. May the Welcoming Shepherd lead us to stand with and up for one another in times of trials and difficulties. May God's mercy reach each of us.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 435
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 4:5-12 NT pg. 162
 John 10:11-18 NT pg. 139

SERMON "Sacrifice"

CLOSING HYMN* *It Is Well with My Soul* No. 493

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:

Every Wednesday except 4th, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Tuesday 27th, Book Study via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 28th, Consistory via Zoom, 7:00pm

Tue., April 27th; **Book Study, 7:00pm**

Our new book study that will be for four weeks on Tuesday evenings, starting Tuesday April 20th, and ending on Tuesday May 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 Tuesday. The book is "A Gentle Answer: Our 'Secret Weapon' in an Age of Us Against Them" by Scott Sauls. It is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and many major booksellers. The ISBN number is (1400216559). April 20th – Introduction, Chapters 1-2; April 27th – Chapters 3-4; May 4th – Chapters 5-6; May 11th – Chapters 7-8

Sun., May 2nd; **In Person Worship Starting, 10:30am**

We will be meeting in person in the sanctuary for worship starting on Sunday May 2nd. Because the COVID county threat level is still elevated, we will be asking for people to wear facemasks and that groups that come to church social distance from other groups they do not commonly spend time with. There will be some other hopefully temporary changes to the service as well such as passing the peace from a distance. We will offer a Sunday School program in the fellowship hall and outside for any kids that do not wish to stay in the service. We will also continue broadcasting the 10:30am service over Facebook, and the 10:30am service will be broadcast over the radio for those that might wish to stay in their car and not worship in the sanctuary. The 9:00am service will be discontinued starting May 2nd.

Wed., May 5th; **Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00pm**

We have moved our Zoom Social Hour to Wednesdays, and we will take a break on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our next Social Hour will be May 5th at 7:00pm. The information for the Zoom meeting will be sent out via the all-church email list every Wednesday we meet.