



JANUARY 15, 2023 10:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.
For those that wish to stay in your cars for the service, you can listen to
the station listed above.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* No. 249

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 Teachers:

Brittany King, Sarah Hogan, Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
- Hearing assistance devices are available on the blue table near the altar by the back entrance.
- Children's Sunday School is available year-round during the service for children who are toddler age through 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: Alan & Shirley Nelson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Jean Harshman.

Fri., Jan. 27th;

Pizza & Game Night, 6:00 pm

The planning committee has decided that we would try and have a few more church wide social events in 2023. The first of these events will be a church pizza and game night in the fellowship hall on Friday January 27th. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and the church will have pizza delivered. We are asking that people who come bring a favorite game with them, and we will gather in groups to enjoy the evening together. Please come and join us for this fun event. Also, please let Pastor Brian know if you think you might attend so we have an idea of how much pizza to order.

- All are invited to enjoy lunch and conversation in the downstairs Fellowship room following the service. Donations of snacks are always welcome. Lunch is provided by volunteers with the help of your donations. The first Sunday of the month is always a church potluck.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please talk to Pastor Brian.

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

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Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-23

Fellowship Meal: Patti King

Lay Reader: Carolyn Conner

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

People: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

People: We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

Leader: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

All: We sing, "Here I am, I have come, I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God, we confess that you have sung to us but we have not heard your voice. You have played the flute for us, but we have refused to dance. You have chosen us to pierce the night, and we have hidden our lights. Help us to accept our calling, to find strength and grace in your constant presence and encouragement. May we be eager to serve, to fill your quiver, to be your bright arrows in the work of praise and reconciliation. We pray in the name of the one who came to show us who we really are, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God has promised that whenever we repent, and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Friends, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 435
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts*

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	Isaiah 49:1-7	OT pg. 795
	John 1:29-42	NT pg. 124

SERMON "What are you Looking for?"

CLOSING HYMN	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	No. 428
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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:

Planning Committee via Zoom, Tuesday 1/17, 7 pm

Annual Meeting, Sunday 1/22, 12:15 pm

Consistory, Tuesday 1/24, 7 pm

Wed., Jan. 18th; **Book Study, 7:00 pm**

On January 18th we will be starting a book study on Les Miserables. The book is titled "The Grace of Les Miserables" by Matt Rawle. We have several copies at the church that you can take if you are interested. We will meet over Zoom for three Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting on Wednesday the 18th. We are also going to go on a church outing to see Les Miserables in connection with our book study on Sunday January 29th at 6:30pm, although going to the musical is not necessary to participate in the book study. The reading assignments are listed below.

Jan 18th: Introduction, A Quick Refresher, Chapters 1 & 2

Jan 25th: Chapters 3 & 4

February 1st: Chapters 5 & 6

Sun., Jan. 22nd; **Annual Congregation Meeting, 12:15 pm**

Our 2023 annual congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd. Lunch will be provided as normal downstairs, and then after the meal we will begin the Annual Meeting upstairs in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm. The Annual meeting will also be broadcast over Facebook Live for those that wish to participate remotely. We will reminisce about activities that occurred in 2022, vote on the budget for 2023, and vote on the slate of outgoing/incoming consistory members. Your presence is needed and your opinions matter. See you on January 22nd.