



JANUARY 29, 2023 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH 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* *God of Grace and God of Glory* No.292

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: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: Doug & Pat Goudy

Today's altar flowers are donated by Ed & Jenny Rauch in honor of
Jenny Rauch's birthday.

Sun., Feb. 5th; **1st Sunday Carry-In**, 12:15 pm

On Sunday February 5th, we will have our 1st Sunday Carry-In. This month we are doing a theme. We are asking that for those that are bringing a main dish, please make it a soup or chili to share. Also, if you want, please bring some take home containers, as there will likely be plenty leftovers.

- 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.

February 5th, 2023

Scripture: Psalm 112:1-10 and Matthew 5:13-20

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Jesus, Teacher, your teaching surprises us!
People: Not the world's wisdom, but God's.
Leader: You move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world
People: And make us strong through our tears.
Leader: You offer us humility to admit our failures
People: And plant seeds of hope in the ashes.
Leader: You make us hungry for justice
People: And give us food that lasts.
Leader: You invite us to practice what we preach
People: And offer joy in that challenge.
Leader: You support us in standing for truth, even when it costs
All: And promise the truth will make us free.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

**All: The world's wisdom surrounds us:
Look after number one...
Get them before they get you...
Better be safe than sorry...
What's someone else's problems got to do with me...?
Only the strong survive...
Money makes the world go 'round...
Revenge is sweet...
Avoid pain at all costs...
May God forgive us when we, as Christ's own people,
believe these words to be life-giving when Jesus has
shown us a better way.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Blessed are those who recognize the wisdom of God, and strive to shape their lives around its truth. In Christ God forgives us and restores us to the way of trust and mercy.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* No. 374
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	Micah 6:1-8	OT pg. 1011
	Matthew 5:1-12	NT pg. 5

SERMON "Required"

CLOSING HYMN	<i>Peace Like a River</i>	No. 498
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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:

Annual Meeting, Today, 12:15 pm

Today; **Annual Congregation Meeting, 12:15 pm**

Our 2023 annual congregation meeting will be held today. 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.

Wed., Feb. 1st; **Book Study, 7:00 pm**

On February 1st we will complete our 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.

February 1st: Chapters 5 & 6