



FEBRUARY 12, 2023 10:30 A.M.
SIXTH 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* *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 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: Karen Barger

Today's altar flowers are donated by Sherry Stevens in memory of the birthday of her mother, Martha Stevens.

- 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 19th, 2023

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9

Fellowship Meal: Ed & Jenny Rauch

Lay Reader: Patti King

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: O lilies of the field, we of all colors and all varieties, GOD calls us to hear the Word.

People: We have been planted in faith, so we turn our faces to you, O GOD.

Leader: O people of the plains, the cities and the mountains, we are God's field.

People: You have cultivated us, O GOD. Let us vine and blossom and bear the fruit of your integrity.

Leader: O we of mustard seeds and wheat, we of little faith and great, we come.

People: We come to the Living Waters, to the Sun of love and light. We will drink of your ways, O GOD, and we will sow your seeds.

Leader: O, all who are of the world, see what GOD has grown.

All: We come to worship you. We stand in the sunshine of your living word. We prosper in your paths, O GOD, as the lilies of your field.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. We quarrel with one another trying to decide "who is the greatest." Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole world in himself.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who you are. We know you, as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* No. 347
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 *Pavanne Pour Infante Defunte* Maurice Ravel
Arranged by Ronald C. Dishinger
Performed by Alex Ignatiou & Karen Barger

LESSONS Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT pg. 225
Matthew 5:21-37 NT pg. 6

SERMON "Contracts"

CLOSING HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour* No. 428

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:

February 21, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

February 28, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Fri., Feb. 17th; **Rescheduled 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 that has been rescheduled for Friday February 17th. 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.

Wed., Feb 22nd; **Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00pm**

Join us from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 28th, for our Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please come participate in this holy day, where we set the spiritual tone for the season to come. The service will be both in-person, and online.