



FEBRUARY 26, 2023 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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**(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\* *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* No. 276

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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Rev. Brian Eastman, Pastor

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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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

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Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: Dean & Mindy Severtson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Doug & Pat Goudy, in honor of their children.

- 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.

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

Fellowship Meal: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Carry-In

Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

**People: More food, more money, more power, more life!**

Leader: "What could it hurt?" we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

**People: More suffering, more hunger, more fear, more anger.**

Leader: So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of "more":

**People: And to celebrate that we do not need "more" when we have everything in Christ.**

Leader: Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God's Spirit, which has all we need to live fully.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the living presence of God. So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* No. 493  
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 Psalm 32 OT pg. 612  
Matthew 4:1-11 NT pg. 4

SERMON "Confess"

COMMUNION

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 28, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Ongoing;

**Card Shower for Elmer Smith**

Elmer Smith, Karen Barger's father, is turning 100 on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to get a card shower for him and hopefully 100 birthday cards. If you would be willing, you can send a birthday card to him at the address below.

Elmer Smith

2000 Sumac Ct.

Beavercreek, OH 45431

Sat., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>;

**Chicken & Noodle Dinner, 11:00am - 7:00pm**

We will be having our spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 11th. The dinner will be open for most of the day 11AM to 7PM, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$15. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it. There is a signup sheet for people to help with the dinner, and we are also asking people to donate sodas, waters, and deserts if they can. There is a signup sheet with specific items to donate so we get the right number of things. Thank you so much!