



MARCH 5, 2023 10:30 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

(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* *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 8

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: Carolyn Conner

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger in honor of her father Elmer Smith's 100th birthday on March 10th.

- 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 12th, 2023

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: We are in the presence of God. Leave the places you have known and walk with God. Leave behind thoughts of limitation and imagine.

People: But we are secure where we are.

Leader: But new ways of being in this world are possible for each of us.

People: Can't God bless us where we are, and as we are?

Leader: If you trust enough to move from the places you have known, and question the systems around us, you will be blessed. God is our light and our salvation.

People: Lord, we open ourselves to you. Direct our paths and open our hearts and minds.

Leader: In this place, in every place, for this time, for all time.

All: Let us worship our God.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better. We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being. Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible. Midwife our spirits, that we may be born into a new state of consciousness; that we may be born from above.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and that is good news.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Joys and Concerns No. 451

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

ANTHEM *Lead Me, Lord*

LESSONS Genesis 12:1-4 OT pg. 12
John 3:1-17 NT pg. 126

SERMON "Chances"

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:

March Meetings:

March 21, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

March 28, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Ongoing:

Card Shower for Elmer Smith

Elmer Smith, Karen Barger's father, is turning 100 on March 10th. 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. 11th; **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!