



MARCH 12, 2023 10:30 A.M.

THIRD 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* *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 59

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation!

*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: Patti King

Today's altar flowers are donated by the Tobias family in honor of Eric's birthday, which is today.

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

March 19th, 2023

Scripture: Psalm 23 and John 9:1-41

Fellowship Meal: Alan & Shirley Nelson

Lay Reader: Patti King

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Leader: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

People: The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the HOLY ONE, our Maker!

All: Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused, show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord. For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us, direct us in the way of peace, we pray. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us, forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Morning Has Broken* No. 60
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 Exodus 17:1-7 OT pg. 83
 John 4:5-42 NT pg. 128

SERMON "Thirsty"

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:

Easter Breakfast Volunteers

We will be having our Easter morning breakfast from 9am to 10:15am on Easter Sunday. Patti King has agreed to organize the breakfast, but needs volunteers to help both bring food, and help prepare it. If you can volunteer for the breakfast, please speak with Patti.

- 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.