



MARCH 19, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTH 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\*      *Be Thou My Vision*      No. 382

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: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: Shirley & Alan Nelson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Marty Smith.

Today; **OGHS Offering**

We will be taking up a special offering for “One Great Hour of Sharing” this Sunday. This is one of the 4 special offerings we take up for our denomination each year. This offering will go to helping those in need around the world, including programs in 138 different countries.

- 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-4 and John 11:1-45

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Lay Reader: Steve Filer

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

**People: It is you, Lord who makes me lie down in green pastures;**

Leader: It is you who leads me beside the still waters.

**People: You restore my soul and guide me in paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.**

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

**People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, O Lord, forever.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we “see”, we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Holy Jesus, you do lighten our hearts. You do come to us where the night is deepest. You, Holy Shepherd, keep us beside the still waters and restore our souls, guiding us through all shadows to a higher plane. All praise and glory be to your precious name.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn      *Amazing Grace*      No. 202  
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 23      OT pg. 607  
                  John 9:1-41      NT pg. 137

SERMON      "Unexpected"

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.

Ongoing;      **Easter Eggs**

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on April 17th after the 10:30am Easter service. The event will be held outside if the weather permits, and inside if there is bad weather. Please feel free to bring plastic eggs with treats in them in the weeks leading up to Easter. They can be left on the island in the kitchen downstairs.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

**Sunday April 2<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

**Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday Service; 6:00 pm**

**Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Worship Service with communion; 10:30 am**

**Easter Egg Hunt; 11:45 am**