



APRIL 9, 2023 10:30 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

(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* *Worship Christ the Risen King* No. 225

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: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar
 story of our faith.

*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: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: No Lunch Today

Today's altar flowers are donated by Jean Harshman in honor of our
Risen Lord.

- 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.

April 16th, 2023

Scripture: Acts 2:14, 22-32 and John 20:19-31

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

People: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us in all the places of our lives!

Leader: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

People: This story of "Alleluia!" means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life!

Leader: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

People: Let this same Spirit fill us so that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives!

Leader: We join our hearts in song and sing "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" for Christ is living and so are we!

All: Alleluia indeed!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death and fear. Yet the smooth stones of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death, but with the word, "Alleluia!" So, on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with "fear and great joy" so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and instead raise up the scepter of joy – Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* No. 228
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

ANTHEM *In This Very Room* Choir

LESSONS Acts 10:34-43 NT pg. 173
John 20:1-18 NT pg. 154

SERMON "The End?"

COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 217

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:

April Meetings:

April 18, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

April 25, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Today;

Easter Egg Hunt, 11:45 am

We will be having an Easter egg hunt after the 10:30am Easter service. The event will be held outside if the weather permits, and inside if there is bad weather.

Apr. 11th – 14th

Pastor Brian out of the Office

Pastor Brian will be taking some time off and will be out of the office from April 11th through April 14th.

Sun., Apr. 16th;

Question Sunday, 10:30 am

Sunday April 16th will be a Question Sunday. Church members will be asked to write down questions at the beginning of the service and Pastor Brian will answer them during his sermon time.

Fri., Apr. 28th;

Pizza & Game Night, 6:00 pm

Our Pizza & Game night was so successful in February, that the Planning Committee decided to do it again. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm on Friday April 28th. 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.

- 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.