

April 16, 2023 10:30 A.M. Second Sunday of Easter

(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\* Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken No. 278

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

Lay Reader: Patti King Fellowship Meal: TBD Today's altar flowers are donated by Roger and Susan Saddler. <sup>+</sup>Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication. CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader:	Sing a new song!	
People:	A springtime shout-out to new life!	
Leader:	Sing praise to our joyful Easter God	
People:	Whose power brings new life out of death!	
Leader:	Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth	
People:	Our visions and hopes are refreshed, made new!	
Leader:	For God has taken ordinary things	
All:	And made them extraordinary!	

#### INVOCATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

All: Redeeming God, with you there is always more life, more hope, more joy. When doubt assails us, and we fail to recognize you at work in our lives, Lord, have mercy! When fear impairs our faith, and our eyes and ears and hearts do not know you, Christ, have mercy! When anger and sorrow stop us from doing the risky work of love, Lord, have mercy! Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### Assurance of Forgiveness<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Within every kernel of doubt, there is a tree of life and hope. In those times when our faith falters, when we cannot bring ourselves to see the presence of the Holy among us, God takes our faith and transforms it, patiently showing us the many ways Christ walks among us. You are all God's children, loved without condition.

## All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* No. 233 Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers. Silent Prayer Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors) Organ Response PAGE (2)

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Scripture: Acts 2:14, 36-41 and Luke 24:13-35 Fellowship Meal: Pat and Doug Goudy Lay Reader: Karen Barger

#### 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	Acts 2:14, 22-32	NT pg. 159
	John 20:19-31	NT pg. 154

#### QUESTION SUNDAY

CLOSING HYMN\* In the Garden No. 425

#### 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; **Question Sunday**, 10:30 am Today is 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. 28<sup>th</sup>; **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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please talk to Pastor Brian.