



APRIL 23, 2023 10:30 A.M.

THIRD 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* *Crown Him with Many Crowns* No. 234

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: Karen Barger

Fellowship Meal: Doug & Pat Goudy

Today's altar flowers are donated by Doug & Pat Goudy, in honor of
April family birthdays.

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

April 30th, 2023
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 and John 10:1-10
Fellowship Meal: TBD
Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, what shall we do?
People: We shall praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us, and brings new life out of death.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we live?
People: With the confidence of God's beloved children, with security and joy of God's saving grace.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, what is the promise?
People: New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we praise?
All: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise! We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy that burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God may come to us, unrecognized, as a stranger. The Risen Christ reaches out to us in unexpected ways as we travel our own Emmaus roads. May the Word of our Stillspeaking God continue to burn in our hearts.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* No. 462
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	Acts 2:14, 36-41	NT pg. 159
	Luke 24:13-35	NT pg. 121

SERMON "Acceptance"

CLOSING HYMN* *How Great Thou Art* No. 4

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 25, Consistory, 7:00 pm

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.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please talk to Pastor Brian.