



APRIL 30, 2023 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH 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* *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 64

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: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Meal: The Severtsons

Today's altar flowers are donated by Brian and Melissa Baumbarger, in honor of Glenn and Sarah Reindl's wedding.

Sun., May 28th; **Strengthen the Church Offering**

We will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering on May 28th. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination.

Sun., June 4th; **Luuu Sunday**

On Sunday June 4th we will be having our luau Sunday. We will invite folks to wear Hawaiian shirts to church and give out leis. Afterwards we are going to have City BBQ pork and chicken provided as the main dish and we are asking people to bring side dishes and desserts to go with our theme and the main dish. The food will be located downstairs, but we are encouraging people to use the shelter if the weather is nice.

- 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.
- Card Ministry: Please sign the cards on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Let Shirley or Gretchen know about those with physical or emotional needs who would appreciate a card. Your prayers for these people are much appreciated

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

May 7th, 2023

Scripture: Acts 7:55-60 and John 14:1-14

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In

Lay Reader: TBD

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CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Let us pray these familiar words, recognizing in the Risen Christ our Good Shepherd:

All: Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want. You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters. You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us. Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over! Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: O merciful Savior, help us to a greater common awareness of your deep mystery and infinite presence. Rouse our awareness of you, God. Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception. Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths. Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God. Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace. Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Holy, Forgiving God, we are your sheep. You keep us awake and aware. Bless you and praise you for forgiving us when we are barely mindful enough to ask. Help us to enter by the door when we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. We hear your voice of pardon. Through Christ's grace we are forgiven this morning, and we go in.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

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TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*
Joys and Concerns No. 20

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 2:42-47 NT pg. 160
John 10:1-10 NT pg. 139

SERMON "Theft"

CLOSING HYMN* *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* No. 455

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:

May Meetings:

May 16th, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

May 23rd, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Sun. May 7th; **First Sunday Carry-in, 11:45 am**

Next Sunday is our first Sunday carry-in.

Sun., May 14th; **Mother's Day**

Mother's past and present, will be honored with a carnation.

Wed., May 17th; **Book Study: Under the Overpass, 7:00 pm**

Our new book will start on Wednesday May 17th, and will continue on Wednesday nights at 7PM for three weeks, ending on Wednesday May 31st. The book we are reading is *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* by Michael Yankoski. We will meet online each Wednesday via Zoom, and the Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. Pastor Brian has several copies of the book, and if those run out, it can be ordered on Amazon.

May 17th – Forward, Note to the reader, Sections 1, 2 & 3

May 24th – Sections 4, 5, & 6

May 31st – Sections 8 & 9, Epilogue, A Reader's Q&A

Sun., May 28th; **Memorial Day Observance & Pentecost**

On Sunday May 28th we will have our annual observance of those members, friends, and family who have passed away in the last year. We will read the names aloud and light a candle for each person who is honored. If you have any names that you want to add to our list, please give them to Pastor Brian. It will also be Pentecost, so please wear red to celebrate.