



JANUARY 28, 2024 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

(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

INTROIT *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* No. 21

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Lead On, O King Eternal* No. 483

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: Mindy Severtson
Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are donated by Nancy Pack & Polly, in memory
of Mom & Sue.

- Church Email List: If you would like to receive updates about church events and worship, please give your email address to Pastor Brian and he will add you to the church email list.
- Covid Safety: A reminder that Covid numbers are up, and so please stay safe with precautions. Some in the church may for instance not feel comfortable holding hands or sharing lunch, and we ask that this be respected. Booster vaccines are also now available if you are eligible and choose to do so.

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

February 4th, 2024

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-in

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Friends in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?
People: We bring hope for health and wholeness.
 Leader: What affliction do you bring to worship? Physical pain?
People: From illness and injury.
 Leader: Emotional pain?
People: From sad and scary life situations.
 Leader: Mental pain?
People: From stresses of many kinds.
 Leader: So come, let us enter this sanctuary.
All: Hopeful, afflicted and bold, come, let us worship!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: O Divine Healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives to remove our pain, illness, and suffering. We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing from Jesus and assume you will perform a similar miracle for all of us if we just pray hard enough! And we do pray! Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us with which to seek healing. Renew our spirits in the midst of our afflicting spirits. Transform us, O Holy One, for the health of your creation. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: In the midst of struggle, and afflictions, know that you are made in God's image and God sees you as whole and good. So may you celebrate God in your midst through opportunities of wholeness and justice.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
Joys and Concerns No. 462

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)
Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* No. 614

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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 OT pg. 211
Mark 1:21-28 NT pg.47

SERMON "Authority"

CLOSING HYMN* *He Leadeth Me* No. 461

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:

January Meetings:

None

Fri., Feb. 9th; **Valentine's Pizza & Game Night, 6:30 pm**

Nothing says Valentine's like pizza and games. Instead of our Valentine's dinner, we will be having a church pizza and game night in the fellowship hall on Friday February 9th. We will meet at the church at 6:30pm, and pizza will be 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. We will also have a station where you can make your own valentines to give to your sweetheart or perhaps someone in the church. Please come and join us for this fun event. Also, please let Pastor Brian know if you think you might attend so we have an idea of how much pizza to order.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food panty or the collection box in the comfort room.
- 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.