



FEBRUARY 4, 2024 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**(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 *Come, We That Love the Lord* No. 18

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\* *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* No. 455

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

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\*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.

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Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in

Today's altar flowers are donated by Sherry Stevens in memory of  
Martha's birthday.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food pantry 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.
- 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

Fellowship Meal: Vicky Keller, Nancy Pack, & Ashley Severtson

Lay Reader: Patti King

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

**People: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.**

Leader: Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

**People: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.**

Leader: Good children of the light open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

**All: For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end, our God...is.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness. Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings strengthening us so that we won't be weary. The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory for, through Christ, our sins – all of them – are forgiven.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
Joys and Concerns No. 259

**All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Response *Let the Words of My Mouth* No. 618

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 *Faithful to Me*

LESSONS Isaiah 40:21-31 OT pg. 781  
Mark 1:29-39 NT pg. 48

SERMON "Power"

COMMUNION

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:

### February Meetings:

**February 20, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**February 27, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Fri., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>; **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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Wed., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>; **Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm**

Join us from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, for our Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please come participate in this holy day, where we set the spiritual tone for the season to come. The service will take place both in-person and online.

Sun., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>; **Photos for Advertising Campaign, 10:30 am**

The church is going to launching a new online advertising campaign in 2024. We will be creating advertisements for the church on Facebook that will be directed at certain audiences. As part of our new campaign, we will have a photographer come to the church on Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> to take pictures of the church, our Sunday service, and our fellowship time. We would ask to please attend that Sunday if you can so that we get a good turnout.