



FEBRUARY 18, 2024 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

(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* *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* No. 350

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

*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.
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Lay Reader: Pastor Brian

Fellowship Meal: N/A

Today's altar flowers are donated by Judy Powell, for Bob and Norma Jackson.

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

February 25th, 2024
Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Mark 8:31-38
Fellowship Meal: Patti King
Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships. Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly. You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations. For you we wait. May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us. Amen.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to start over. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with affirming activities and thoughts.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Observe, find comfort, and offer with courage to restore and build relationships among God's people. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *More Love to Thee* No. 363
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

LESSONS

Psalms 25:1-10

OT pg. 608

Mark 1:9-15

NT pg. 47

SERMON "Trust"

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**

- 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.