



FEBRUARY 25, 2024 10:30 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      No. 2

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: Patti King  
Fellowship Meal: Patti King  
Today's altar flowers are donated by Pat & Doug Goudy.

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

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
Psalm 19 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in  
Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: "Walk before me, and be blameless," said God to Abram, "And I shall make my covenant between me and you." Quite openly, we've measured that distance.

**People: Quite openly, we've stayed away.**

Leader: Quite openly, we've distanced ourselves.

**People: Quite openly, we didn't want to be closer.**

Leader: Quite openly, we are not blameless.

**All: Quite openly, we are here. We are here to open ourselves to our In-between God.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: We are quite open about our successes. We feel free to boast when we have done well, but we are not quite so open when things have gone wrong. We do not praise God anyway. Instead, we recognize the distance between me and you, between you and God, between God and me.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: You can look behind. You can search ahead. God will meet you in between. God promises to always be right there.

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

#### TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn     *There Is a Balm in Gilead*     No. 423  
Joys and Concerns

**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 *This is God's House*

LESSONS Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 OT pg. 16  
Mark 8:31-38 NT pg. 60

SERMON "Called"

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 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.