



MARCH 3, 2024 10:30 A.M.
THIRD 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

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

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *The Old Rugged Cross* No. 186

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: Barbara Acker-Mills
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: Tom Rauls
Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in
Today's altar flowers are donated in honor of Jeri Hawker's 80th
birthday on Feb. 29.

- 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.

March 10th, 2024
 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 and John 3:14-21
 Fellowship Meal: Vicki Keller
 Lay Reader: Patti King

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Our lips sing praise and our whole selves rejoice in the God who makes us free.

People: We gather, recognizing that not all human beings have known this freedom.

Leader: The divine will was made known in Eden and in Egypt; in Gettysburg and in Cape Town.

All: Born in freedom, redeemed from slavery, our destiny in Christ is liberty.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: In this season of Lent, we reflect on those things that lead us away from the life we desire. We focus on that which we do that oppresses and enslaves others who, like us, are created in the image of the divine. And now we seek the grace that frees us to live in faithfulness to holy love.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The God of who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, is the power that frees us from our sin. Live in the grace of God's love as you walk in the way of Jesus and surely you shall find mercy at the end of that road.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn	<i>Higher Ground</i>	No. 399
Joys and Concerns		

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Response	<i>Let the Words of My Mouth</i>	No. 618
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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 *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

LESSONS Psalm 19 OT pg. 605
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NT pg. 221

SERMON "Smart"

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:

March Meetings:

March 19, Church Planning Committee (Via Zoom), 7:00 pm

March 26, Consistory, 6:30 pm

Sat., Mar. 9th; **Chicken & Noodle Dinner**, 11:00am - 7:00pm
We will be having our spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 9th. The dinner will be open for most of the day 11AM to 7PM, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$15. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it.

Sun., Mar. 10th; **OGHS Offering**
We will be taking up a special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" on Sunday March 10th. This is one of the 4 special offerings we take up for our denomination each year. This offering will go to helping those in need around the world, including programs in 138 different countries.

Wed., March 13th; **Book Study: This Is the Honey**
Our new book study starts on Wednesday March 13th, and will continue on Wednesday nights at 7PM for three weeks, ending on Wednesday March 27th. The book we are reading is This Is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets, Edited by Kwame Alexander. We will meet in the fellowship hall of the church. Please see Pastor Brian for copies of the book.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday March 24th

Palm Sunday

Thursday March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service; 6:00 pm

Sunday March 31st

Pancake Breakfast; 9:00 am

Worship Service with communion; 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt; 11:45