



MARCH 10, 2024 10:30 A.M.

FOURTH 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* *Amazing Grace* No. 202

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: Dr. Cathy Harruff
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: Patti King
Fellowship Meal: Vicki Keller

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger, in honor of Elmer's
101st 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.

March 17th, 2024
 31:31-34 and Hebrews 5:5-10
 Fellowship Meal: Dean & Mindy Severtson
 Lay Reader: Steve Filer

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

- Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, why have you come to worship this morning?
- People:** **We come to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ.**
- Leader: This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles.
- People:** **We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection.**
- Leader: If only we will trust, Jesus leads us in the way of light and love.
- All:** **We come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us so much!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

- All:** **O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

- Leader: You are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of you. So, return God's blessing by the way you love others.
- All:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 177
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 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

LESSONS Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 OT pg. 668
John 3:14-21 NT pg. 127

SERMON "Fallen"

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

Today;

OGHS Offering

We will be taking up a special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" today. 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.

March 13th: pg. xvii – pg. 119

March 20th: pg. 123 – pg. 238

March 27th: pg. 241 – pg. 362

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