



MARCH 17, 2024 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH 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\*              *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*                      No. 183

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: 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

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Lay Reader: Steve Filer  
Fellowship Meal: The Severtsons  
Today's altar flowers are given for the Glory of God.

- 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.

Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and John 12:12-16  
 Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack  
 Lay Reader: Jeannette Papajcik

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Let us gather to worship.  
**People: O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray, and learn.**  
 Leader: We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.  
**People: We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.**  
 Leader: We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.  
**All: O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: God of the journey, you invite us, the church, "to accept the cost and joy of discipleship" and "to be your servants in the service of others." We admit that we do not always accept this invitation. Forgive us when we fear your discipleship and fail in service to others.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Know that God loves you, forgives you, welcomes you and rejoices in you.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn	<i>Were You There?</i>	No. 181
Joys and Concerns		
<b>All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.</b>		
Silent Prayer		
Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)		
Response	<i>Let the Words of My Mouth</i>	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 *Lead Me, Lord*

LESSONS Jeremiah 31:31-34 OT pg. 857  
Hebrews 5:5-10 NT pg. 299

SERMON "Prayer"

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**

Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup>; **Book Study: This Is the Honey**

Our new book study starts on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, and will continue on Wednesday nights at 7PM for three weeks, ending on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup>: pg. xvii – pg. 119

March 20<sup>th</sup>: pg. 123 – pg. 238

March 27<sup>th</sup>: pg. 241 – pg. 362

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

**Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday Service; 6:00 pm**

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Pancake Breakfast; 9:00 am**

**Worship Service with communion; 10:30 am**

**Easter Egg Hunt; 11:45**

- 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.