



MARCH 24, 2024 10:30 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY

(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* *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* No. 97

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: Jeannette Papajcik
Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack

Today's altar flowers are given by the Raul's family in honor of Mo's 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.

Easter, March 31st, 2024
 Acts 10:34-43 and Mark 16:1-8
 Fellowship Meal: No Meal, Easter Breakfast
 Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Come. Come seeking words.
People: Come to let your tongue give praise.
 Leader: Come. Come to find your voice.
People: Come to hear the response.
 Leader: Come. Come to open your ears.
People: Come to listen.
 Leader: Come. Come to be healed by the silence.
People: Come to stand together.
 Leader: Come. Come to approach what words cannot describe.
All: Come to find God.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: O Holy One, we are too distressed to notice that you join us in the parade. We are too deeply grieved to be aware that you sit beside us at the table. We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking. We have insisted upon our own answers. We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen, about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken. We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be, but this life is in your hands. Our lives are in your hands.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God speaks when you are silent. God approaches you in the parade and at table in your denial and your praise to be your help, now and always.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 173
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 *How Majestic Is Your Name*

LESSONS Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 OT pg. 675
John 12:12-16 NT pg. 142

SERMON "After"

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 26, Consistory, 6:30 pm

Wed., March 27th; **Book Study: This Is the Honey**

Our book study continues and we will have two more meetings on Wednesday nights at 7PM, March 27th and April 3rd. 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 27th: pg. 123 – pg. 238

April 3rd: pg. 241 – pg. 362

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Today

Palm Sunday

Thursday

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

Sun. April 7th; **Special Congregational Meeting, 12:30 pm**

We will be having a special congregational meeting on April 7th at 12:30pm in the sanctuary and on Facebook Live. The meeting is to further discuss the repair and replacement of the fire alarm system that was approved at our annual meeting. The congregation originally approved an expenditure of up to \$6,500, and after getting quotes it seems that the new system will cost between \$11,000 and \$12,000.