



MARCH 31, 2024 10:30 A.M.

EASTER 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* *Worship Christ the Risen King* No. 225

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. 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: BeBe Buttner
Fellowship Meal: No meal after church today
Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

- 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.

April 7, 2024
 Acts 4:32-35 & John 20:19-31
 Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In
 Lay Reader: Carolyn Conner

People: **Christ appeared to the disciples.**
 Leader: Sisters and brothers, it has already been proclaimed. You have already received this promise.

People: **Christ appears to us.**
 Leader: Brothers and sisters, this is the hardest claim in our faith. The good news is not ancient history.

People: **Christ will appear again.**
 Leader: Sisters and brothers, this is the mystery that we share. This is the good news that we proclaim.

All: **Christ appears to us now.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **O God, no matter what the young man dressed in a white robe might say, we are alarmed! We are alarmed that you would choose to appear to us. We can understand that you might appear to disciples, those that went with Jesus to do good and heal the oppressed. It is hard for us to imagine that you truly show no partiality. Surely, there are more talented people, more prayerful people, more intelligent people, more faithful people than we are. But today, O God, we remember that you come to us all. You come to the strong and the ill, the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble. You appear. You come again to remind us what we have forgotten. Forgive us, O God, for our alarm. Forgive us, O God, for not believing in ourselves. Appear to us now so that we might be resurrected with your love. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God appeared long ago to the faithful. God appears now to doubters. God will appear to seekers. God appeared and is appearing because God shows no partiality because God so loves this world and God so loves you. Amen.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)
 Call to Prayer Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* No. 228
 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 *Holy Holy Holy* BUCC Bell Choir

LESSONS Acts 10:34-43 NT pg. 173
 Mark 16:1-8 NT pg. 74

SERMON "Alive"

COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN* *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* No. 217

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:

None

Today; **Easter Egg Hunt**, 11:45 am
 Children are invited to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt directly after the 10:30am service. If the weather is not good, we will hold it downstairs in the fellowship area.

Wed., April 3rd; **Book Study: This Is the Honey**
 Our book study continues and we will have one more meeting on Wednesday night at 7PM, 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.
 April 3rd: pg. 241 – pg. 362

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.

Sun., Apr. 7th; **Question Sunday**, 10:30 am
 Sunday April 7th will be a Question Sunday. Church members will be asked to write down questions at the beginning of the service and Pastor Brian will answer them during his sermon time.