



APRIL 14, 2024 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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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\*      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*      No. 278

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: TBD

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by Shirley & Alan Nelson, in honor of Margaret's 50 years.

- 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 21, 2024  
 Acts 4:5-12 and John 10:11-18  
 Fellowship Meal: Pat Goudy  
 Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,  
**People: we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God’s love.**

Leader: We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:  
**People: “Peace be with you.”**

Leader: “Touch me and see who I am” says Jesus: We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests, and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering transformation.

**All: We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus! Come, let us worship!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: O Present God, our lives are filled with distractions big and small. We confess that like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown. We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment, our children, and the world as a whole. In our most vulnerable moments we demand that you answer us when we call to you. But often we do not listen for you or seek your unexpected, grace filled presence in our trouble. Forgive us for our demands. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Easter People, whose light is found in Jesus our risen Christ, may the light of God’s face shine upon you in all that you say, do, think, feel, and love. You have the light of God within you this day and always!

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)  
 Call to Prayer Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* No. 233  
 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 *In the Quiet*

LESSONS Acts 3:12-19 (NT Pg. 161)  
 Luke 24:36-48 (NT Pg. 121)

SERMON Understanding

CLOSING HYMN *In the Garden* No. 425

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:**

**April Meetings:**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, Church Planning Committee (via Zoom), 7:00 pm**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Sun., April 21<sup>st</sup>; **Margaret's 50th Anniversary Party**, 11:45 am  
 In April of this year Margaret Puckett has worked for Beaver  
 Church for 50 years, a fantastic achievement in any line of  
 work. We will be celebrating her anniversary on Sunday April  
 21st during our lunch, after church. Please join us in  
 congratulating her.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food party 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.