



APRIL 21, 2024 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTH 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\*        *All Creatures of Our God and King*        No. 54

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: BeBe Buttner  
Fellowship Meal: Pat & Doug Goudy  
Today's altar flowers are given by Pat & Doug Goudy.

†Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

April 28, 2024  
Acts 8:26-40 and John 15:1-8  
Fellowship Meal: Alan & Shirley Nelson  
Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

#### CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: We are welcomed into the family of God on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. Let us worship God together in faith, hope and love. We lift our eyes, thoughts and hearts to you, O God. Your pastoral care of all of us brings us together. We offer our praise and thanks to you for shepherding our church family and indeed the whole United Church of Christ.

**All: We pray for blessings, instructions and peace through our Welcoming Shepherd, Jesus. Amen.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: Gentle God, remind us, that as a part of your family no one is unattended, or considered "less than," or left outside the fold of your realm. Especially on this Good Shepherd Sunday, help us to recognize the strength we gain from one another.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Like the Good Shepherd, we can be led to know each other by name, to feed and to be fed by the other. May the Welcoming Shepherd lead us to stand with and up for one another in times of trials and difficulties. May God's mercy reach each of us.

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

#### TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn      *O Perfect Love*      No. 533  
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 *My God is Able*

LESSONS Acts 4:5-12 NT pg. 162  
John 10:11-18 NT pg. 139

SERMON Good Shepherd

CLOSING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* No. 4

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 23<sup>rd</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Today; **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 today 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.
- 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.