



APRIL 28, 2024 10:30 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

(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* *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* No. 1

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: Shirley Nelson
Fellowship Meal: The Nelsons
Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

- 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.

May 5, 2024
 Acts 10:44-48 and John 15:9-17
 Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-in
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Remain here. Remain here with me.
People: Remain in this soil. Remain in this earth.
 Leader: Remain among these branches. Remain watered in this love.
All: Remain where we can grow. Remain here where God loves you. Remain here with us.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: O God, we are so worried about future generations. We want them to remain so that they can learn your ways. We worry that we won't be here to tell them about you. We are worried they won't know about your love. Remove this bad fruit from us, O God. Trim away this branch. Remove that twig. Burn it in the fire. Remain with us so that we might show your glory as we seek to grow again. Feed us with your words so that we might find the new life we need. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Beloved, God will remain in you. You will always be a branch on God's vine. God will always grow with you.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *All People That on Earth do Dwell*
 Joys and Concerns No. 20
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 *Wade in the Water*

LESSONS Acts 8:26-40 NT pg. 170
John 15:1-8 NT pg. 146

SERMON Talking

CLOSING HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 435

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:

None

Fri., May 10th; **Church Bowling Event, 7:00 pm**

We will have a bowling event for everyone in the church on Friday May 10th at 7:00pm. We will meet for bowling at the Beaver Vu Bowl over by the Kroger on Fairfield. We will bowl for about 2 hours, and get dinner while we are there for those that want it.

Sun., May 12th; **Mother's Day**

Mother's past and present, will be honored with a carnation.

Sun., May 19th; **Photos for Advertising Campaign, 10:30 am**

The church is going to launching a new online advertising campaign in 2024. We will be creating advertisements for the church on Facebook that will be directed at certain audiences. As part of our new campaign, we will have a photographer come to the church on Sunday May 19th to take pictures of the church, our Sunday service, and our fellowship time. We would ask to please attend that Sunday if you can so that we get a good turnout.

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