



MARCH 2, 2025 10:30 A.M.
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

INTROIT *O Worship the Lord* No. 593

GATHERING HYMN* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 92

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: Donna Larsen

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: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-in

Today's altar flowers are given by Ruth Tobias, in honor of Eric's birthday, March 12.

- 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.
- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food pantry, the food pantry shelf downstairs, or the collection box in the comfort room.
- 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.
- Cold & Flu Season: It is that time of the year when Covid, Flu, and RSV infections increase. There are new vaccines for each of these viruses now available. If you are sick, please consider watching online until you feel better as we have some members who are more vulnerable to illness.

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

March 9, 2025
 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13
 Fellowship Meal: TBD
 Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Something drew us together this morning
People: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship
 Leader: Some holy mystery we call God
People: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus
 Leader: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit
All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn	Sweet, Sweet Spirit	No. 252
Joys and Concerns		

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace No. 617

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 *Lead Me Lord*

LESSONS Exodus 34:29-35 OT pg. 104
Luke 9:28-36 NT pg. 94

SERMON "Shining"

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:

**Tuesday March 11, Deacon Board (via Zoom), 6:30 pm
Tuesday March 18, Planning Committee (via Zoom), 6:30 pm
Tuesday March 25, Consistory, 6:00 pm**

Ongoing; **Military Card Program**

We have been continuing our military card ministry. We are asking those who are interested to fill out a card.

Wed., Mar. 5th; **Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm**

Join us from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5th, for our Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please come participate in this holy day, where we set the spiritual tone for the season to come. The service will take place both in-person and online.

Sat., Mar. 8th; **Chicken & Noodle Dinner, 11:00am - 7:00pm**

We will be having our spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 8th. The dinner will be open for most of the day 11AM to 7PM, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$15. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church under the clock for volunteering, bringing drinks, and bringing desserts.

Wed. Mar. 19th; **Book Study: Meeting Jesus, 6:30 pm**

Our new book study is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm from March 19th through April 9th. The book is Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. This is a hybrid book study, we will meet in person in the fellowship hall, and there will a connected Zoom session as well. The Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. Copies of the book are available on the card table. Mar. 19th – Ch.1-2; Mar. 26th - Ch. 3-4; Apr. 2nd - Ch. 5-6; Apr. 9th – Ch. 7-8