



MAY 17, 2020 10:30 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 262

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: Alex Ignatiou
Children's Sunday School: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King
Young Learners: K – 3rd Teacher: Sarah Hogan
Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
- Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
- Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
- The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.

Today's altar flowers are given by Greg & Gloria Hurwitz in honor of their son Joshua's 35th birthday on May 16th.

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: Outside the city gate a farmer rises early so that there will be eggs and bacon and cereal and milk on our tables. As we gather today to give you thanks, we ask a blessing on the farmer. Outside the city gate a road crew patches over the wear of winter so that we will be safe as we travel past field and forest and stream. As we gather today to give you thanks, we ask a blessing on the road crew. On this Sabbath day we honor those outside the gate by river, field, mountain, forest and ocean. In this place of prayer we give thanks, O God of All Creation, and ask a blessing on all who care for your Creation.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Holy One, too often we seek after the peace that the world gives. We strive for financial abundance and positions of status and power. We look for salvation in the gleaming metropolis with its busyness and its skyscrapers and its burgeoning populace, or in the evenly furrowed rows of fertilized farmland, and we relinquish our lives to a reality of our own creation. Forgive us. Show us again the river of the water of life in country and city. Lead us to the tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and sink our roots there, into the soil of your creation. Remind us that before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was your Creation. Turn us back to you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love. There is still Love. God's love for us knows no beginning and no end. Give thanks, for we are a loved and forgiven people.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 379
Joys and Concerns

People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts (Doxology)*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS Acts 17:22-31 NT pg. 184
John 14:15-21 NT pg. 146

SERMON "The Unknown"

CLOSING HYMN* *Peace Like a River* No. 498

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:

May Meeting:

May 27, Consistory via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Sun., May 24th; **Memorial Day Observance**

On Sunday May 24th we will have our annual observance of those members, friends, and family who have passed away in the last year. Pastor Brian will read the names aloud and light a candle for each person who is honored. If you have any names that you want to add to our list, please email them to Pastor Brian.

Sun., May 31st; **Strengthen the Church Offering**

We will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering on Sunday May 31st. It is one of our denomination's four special yearly offerings. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination. For those wanting to donate to this program please mail a check with "Strengthen the Church Offering" written on the memo line, or make a donation online and select the "Write a note" link towards the top of the form, and put "Strengthen the Church Offering" in your note.

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

May 24th, 2020

Acts 1:6-14 & John 17:1-11