



MAY 2, 2021 10:30 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF 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

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours: Tues. 12-6 p.m.

Wed 12-2 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 12-6 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 is available for infant to kindergarten and those children that parents feel would be best in the Nursery. Due to the pandemic, the Nursery will be held in the Fellowship Hall and outdoors when weather permits. There will be two vaccinated teachers at all times.
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Today's altar flowers are given anonymously to the Glory of God.

Ongoing;

Memorial Plaque

We are very grateful for everyone who contributed both time and funds to make the truss repair project possible. Several of the donations were given in memory of someone important to the donor. Therefore, the consistory has decided to make a special dedication in the form of a plaque with the names listed of those memorialized and or honored. If you would like to add a person or a couple to this list for your donation, please contact either Pastor Brian or Melissa Baumbarger with this information.

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

May 9, 2021

Acts 10:44-48 & John 15:9-17

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

(Due to current infection levels the pastor will read the Call to Worship out loud and members are asked to speak it very softly)

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

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

(Due to current infection levels the pastor will read the Confession out loud and members are asked to speak it very softly)

Leader: 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.

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 (Softly): In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

All (Softly): Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Softly)

Organ Response

OFFERING OF GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts (Doxology Sung Softly)*
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 8:26-40 NT pg. 170
 John 15:1-8 NT pg. 146

SERMON "Growth"

SPECIAL MUSIC

PARTING SONG* *Lord of Life (Sung Softly)*
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 Meetings:

Every Wednesday except 4th, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm
Tuesday May 4th & 11th, Book Study via Zoom, 7:00 pm
Wednesday May 26th, Consistory via Zoom, 7:00pm

Tue., May 4th; **Book Study via Zoom, 7:00pm**

We will be continuing with our book study. The information for the Zoom meeting will be sent out via the all-church email list the day of the book study.

Wed., May 5th; **Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00pm**

We have moved our Zoom Social Hour to Wednesdays, and we will take a break on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our next Social Hour will be May 5th at 7:00pm. The information for the Zoom meeting will be sent out via the all-church email list every Wednesday we meet.

Sun., May 9th; **Mother's Day**

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

Sun., May 16th; **Pictures for New Directory**

We will be starting to take pictures for our new directory after church in the parking lot.

Sun., May 23rd; **Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday May 20th will be Pentecost, please wear red to celebrate.

Sun., May 23rd; **Strengthen the Church Offering**

We will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering Sunday May 23rd. It is one of our denomination's four special yearly offerings. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination.

Sun., May 30th; **Memorial Day Observance**

On Sunday May 30th we will have our annual observance of those members, friends, and family who have passed away in the last year. We 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 give them to Pastor Brian.