



MAY 16, 2021 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTH 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: Pastor Brian is currently working from both home and
the office during the pandemic. Please call him in
advance to set up an appointment to meet at the office.

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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Don Parkison in memory of Sharon Parkison.

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 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-21 & John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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)

All: Good morning, friends and neighbors! Of all the places you could be on a Sunday morning, why are you here? We come seeking the blessing of the Risen One in community. We come to celebrate the presence of the One who knows our hearts and guides our choices. We come to witness to the Risen One at work in our community. The Risen One at work in us, offering us eternal life, opening our minds to God's justice, our hearts to God's mercy, our world to the place where God is all in all. Eternal life starting here, starting now, let us celebrate!

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)

All: Protector of all, so many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you. Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Be joyful this day because you are not the burdens you carry! Instead, you are the beautiful image God created and is creating you to be! God is creating a Beloved Community in our midst!

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 1:15-17, 21-26

NT pg. 158

John 17:6-19

NT pg. 149

SERMON

"Witness"

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

Wednesday May 26th, Consistory via Zoom, 7:00pm

Wed., May 19th; **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.

Today; **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.