



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 10:30 A.M.  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**(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

GATHERING HYMN\* *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1 & 3)* No. 43

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

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\*All who are comfortable, please stand.

**BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Rev. Brian Eastman, Pastor

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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: 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher: Brittany King

Young Learners: K – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Lay Reader: Karen Barger

Today's altar flowers are given by the Tobias family in honor of Bob's  
86th birthday.

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

September 26, 2021

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 & Mark 9:38-50

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Jesus challenges us in today's gospel:

**People: Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.**

Leader: Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:

**People: Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.**

Leader: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!

**All: May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: We often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children we would save ourselves and our world. We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change. We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your reign of justice and peace.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: We give thanks for our savior and teacher Jesus Christ, who was born among us as a child needing nurture and care, and grew to reveal your power to make all things new. We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Barger

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

**All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alex Ignatiou

LESSONS

Psalm 1

OT pg. 594

Mark 9:30-37

NT pg. 61

SERMON

"Greatest"

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:**

**September Meetings:**

**Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Consistory via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

Tue., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>;

**Card Shower for Viola Robertson**

On September 21st Viola Robertson, long time church member will be turning 100 years old. We are asking for you to help her celebrate that great milestone by sending her a card for her birthday. Cards can be sent to the address below:

Viola Robertson

1339 Fudge Dr.

Beavercreek, OH 45434