



OCTOBER 31, 2021 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-THIRD 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\*     *Lead On, O King Eternal (vs. 1 & 3)*     No. 483

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: Shirley Nelson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Alan & Shirley Nelson, in honor of their 10th anniversary.

Wed., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>;      **Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm**  
We are starting up the planning committee at the church again. This is the committee that plans and takes care of various aspects of worship and fundraising events. If you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Brian know. We currently have 5 people that have volunteered, and if we could get a few more that would be great. We will likely meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month and we will meet over Zoom to begin with, but hopefully move to in-person meetings soon if the pandemic numbers continue to drop.

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

November 7, 2021  
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 & Mark 12:38-44

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader:      Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Hear the commandments of our God.  
**People:**      **First, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**  
Leader:      Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.  
**All:**          **Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:**          **Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten. God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties. As we prepare our hearts and minds in these days, at times we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice. Again, you remind us to follow you so that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and our world.**

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

Leader:      Hear the word of God for this season and all seasons: "Do not be afraid! I will never leave you or forsake you." Know that our God who began a good work in us is able to complete it. As we open ourselves to the Spirit of God, may we see more fully the wonder of God already at work in us.  
**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

LESSONS	Ruth 1:1-18	OT pg. 289
	Mark 12:28-34	NT pg. 67

SERMON "Commitment"

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:**

**October Meetings:**

**(None)**

Ongoing:

**Importance of Flu shots**

Many are aware of the importance of receiving a covid vaccination, however, it is especially important this year to receive the flu shot as well. The CDC is currently recommending the flu shot for everyone 6 months or older. This will help reduce the cases of flu during the pandemic, and it has been shown to help reduce the severe complications of covid as well. October is the best month to receive the flu shot for effectiveness during the flu season.

Tue., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>;

**Book Study via Zoom, 7:00pm**

Our second week of our book study will meet via Zoom on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. The Zoom information will be sent out via email the day of the book study. The book we are reading is *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by Becky Chambers. It is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, many major booksellers, and it is available on Kindle for those that like to read books that way. The ISBN number is (1250236215).

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chapters 3-5

November 9<sup>th</sup> – Chapters 6-8

Sun., Nov 7<sup>th</sup>;

**Neighbors in Need Offering**

Next Sunday we will take up our denominations Neighbors in Need offering, which is one of the four denominational offerings we support each year.