



Sun., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>;      **Operation Christmas Child**

We will be working with Samaritan's Purse again to send shoebox-sized gift packs to children around the world for Christmas. We will be providing boxes and instructions, which will be available Sunday Nov. 7th through Nov. 14th at the church. We would ask that you bring all of the completed boxes to church by Sunday Nov. 21st.

Sun., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>;      **Children's Clothes and Toy Drive**

We are collecting new, unwrapped, toys and children's clothing for our sister church in Cincinnati, Washington UCC. We will collect toys and clothes until December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 & John 18:33-37

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader:      Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

**People:**      **We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.**

Leader:      Come with joyful expectation.

**People:**      **We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.**

Leader:      Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All:**      **That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:**      **Despite our best efforts, O God, we have not always lived as we should. Our own short-sightedness and impatience have led us to make choices based upon our immediate needs over your desires. Many of the challenges we have faced have evoked fear in us. We have let these fears at times overwhelm our faith and trust in you. Forgive us for our lack of faith in you.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader:      A cord of love binds us to God. God will not allow us to enter Sheol or to see the Pit. We are forgiven and saved by God's love for 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

Alex Ignatiou

LESSONS

1 Samuel 1:4-20

OT pg. 294

Mark 13:1-8

NT pg. 67

SERMON

"Assumptions"

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:**

**November Meetings:**

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Planning Committee via Zoom**

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.

Sun., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>;

**Annual Volunteer Award, 7:00 pm**

Beaver church sure does have a bunch of great people who volunteer and do many things for the church. A number of years ago we started an award to be given to a new volunteer each year. Our voting box for this year will be in the sanctuary from November 7th through November 21st and each person at the church can write down on a piece of paper who they think the volunteer of the year should be. If you are not attending the church services in person and want to vote, email your vote to Pastor Brian, [PastorBrian@BeaverUCC.org](mailto:PastorBrian@BeaverUCC.org). All votes must be placed by November 21st. Please note that prior winners cannot win again, you can only win once. Below is the list of prior winners, so please **do not** vote for them. We will actually have two winners this year as we are awarding 2020 and 2021. Please still vote only once, the two people who receive the most votes will be given the award.

Prior Winners: Bob & Ruth Tobias, Kristine Petrick, Martha Stevens, Don & Sharon Parkison, Byron & Anne Kulander, Steve Filer, Bob Willhelm, Alan Nelson, Melissa Baumbarger