



MAY 22, 2022 10:30 A.M.

SIXTH 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

GATHERING HYMN* *Morning Has Broken* No. 60

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

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: 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 devices are available on the blue table near the altar by the back entrance.
- Nursery Child Care is available for infant to kindergarten and those children that parents feel would be best in the Nursery. Sunday School is provided for children through 7th grade unless Sunday School is on a break

Lay Reader: Gail Wells

Coffee & Doughnuts: Roger & Susan Saddler

Today's altar flowers are donated by Rauls family in honor of Ellie's
17th birthday, May 28.

Sun., May 29th; **Sunday School Summer Break**

On Sunday the 29th, we will start the Sunday school summer break. There will be no middle or older Sunday school classes from May 29th through September 4th. The nursery program will continue during this period as it is year-round. We will be looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery for the summer. Children in the oldest class will be expected to be in service and children in the middle class may be either in service or in the nursery at their parent's discretion.

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

May 22nd, 2022

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34 & John 17:20-26

Lay Reader: Gloria Hurwitz

Coffee & Doughnuts: Greg & Gloria Hurwitz

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Outside the city gate a farmer rises early so that there will be eggs and bacon and cereal and milk on our tables. As we gather today to give you thanks,

People: We ask a blessing on the farmer.

Leader: Outside the city gate a road crew patches over the wear of winter so that we will be safe as we travel past. As we gather today to give you thanks,

People: We ask a blessing on the road crew.

Leader: On this Sabbath day we honor those outside the gate by river, field, mountain, forest and ocean. In this place of prayer we give thanks, O God of All Creation

All: And ask a blessing on all who care for your Creation.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Holy One, too often we seek after the peace that the world gives. We strive for financial abundance and positions of status and power. We look for salvation in the gleaming metropolis with its busyness and its skyscrapers and its burgeoning populace, or in the evenly furrowed rows of fertilized farmland, and we relinquish our lives to a reality of our own creation. Forgive us. Show us again the river of the water of life in country and city. Lead us to the tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and sink our roots there, into the soil of your creation. Remind us that before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was your Creation. Turn us back to you, Source of Life.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love. There is still Love. God's love for us knows no beginning and no end. Give thanks, for we are a loved and forgiven people.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

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

BELL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

"Chester"

"May Day Carol"

LESSONS

Acts 16:9-15

NT pg. 182

John 5:1-9

NT pg. 129

SERMON

"Open"

CLOSING HYMN*

O Worship the King

No. 10

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:

May Meetings:

Tuesday May 24th, 31st, Book Study via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 25th, Consistory via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Tue., May 24th; **Book Study, 7:00 pm**

Our new book study will be four weeks in length, starting on Tuesday May 24th, meeting again on each Tuesday, with the final week being Tuesday June 14th. We will meet all nights at 7PM via Zoom, and the link for the Zoom meeting will be sent out each Tuesday via the all-church email list. The book we are reading is *Trains, Jesus, and Murder: The Gospel according to Johnny Cash* by Richard Beck. The church will have several copies for those who want to participate. Please see Pastor Brian to get one of these copies. If those run out, you can pick up a copy at some bookstores, Amazon, or on Kindle, and the ISBN number is (1506433766).

May 24th – Introduction, Chapters 1-4

May 31st – Chapters 5-8

June 7th – Chapters 9-12

June 14th – Chapters 13-15, Epilogue

Sun., May 29th; **Memorial Day Observance**

On Sunday May 29th 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.