



SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 10:30 A.M.  
THIRTEENTH 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\* *Let Us Break Bread Together* v. 1 & 3 No. 323

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 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade unless Sunday School is on a break

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Lay Reader: TBD  
Coffee & Doughnuts: TBD  
Nursery Volunteer: TBD

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger in memory of her brother Marc Smith.

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

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:12-17

Nursery Volunteer: TBD

Lay Reader: TBD

Coffee & Doughnut: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: To take the clay of our lives, and shape disciples:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: Let us enter this place of transformation:

**All: And worship our God!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Forgive us.**

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

Leader: God's word assures us that everything we need to be disciples in the Potter's House. God is able to place us on the wheel and shape us into vessels that will serve all people. We can leave this place with the assurance that we are being molded daily by the Potter and when we come forth we shall love like God.

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

#### 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                      Jeremiah 18:1-11                      OT pg. 840  
   Luke 14:25-33                              NT pg. 104

SERMON                      "The Cost of Discipleship"  
   Guest Minister Rev. Gail Wells

COMMUNION

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:**

**Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, Congregational Meeting, 11:45 am**

**Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, Planning Committee, 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Mon. Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>;              **Pastor Brian Away**

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
through September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Fri. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>;              **Gary Stevens Memorial Service, 4:00pm**

The memorial service for Gary Stevens will be held at Beaver  
Church at 4:00pm on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sun. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>;              **Congregational Meeting, 11:45am**

As 2022 has continued on it has become apparent that overall offerings are down significantly from 2021, and we are currently about 17% or \$10,000 behind our budgeted offerings for the first 6 months of the year. There are of course likely many reasons for this, and there are certainly members that have been hurt by a decreased stock market and inflation. Gifts are kept confidential at Beaver UCC, and so the Consistory only knows that overall offerings are down, but no more information than that. The Consistory felt that it should let the congregation know of this and setup a meeting for the issue to be discussed. We will be holding a congregational meeting after our church service on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, and over Facebook Live. This will give the church a little more time to collect financial information for July and August, and allow the congregation to discuss and vote on how it wishes to proceed with this issue concerning next year's budget. Thank you to all who have given to the church in the past, and all who continue to do so. Without the generous support of the members, Beaver UCC would not exist. Every donation no matter how big or small makes this possible.