



MAY 7, 2023 10:30 A.M.
FIFTH 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* *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* No. 1

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will
 come again.

*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 Teachers:

Brittany King, Sarah Hogan, 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.
- Children's Sunday School is available year-round during the service for children who are toddler age through 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday carry-in

Today's altar flowers are donated by Jean Harshman, given for the
Glory of God.

Sun., May 28th; **Strengthen the Church Offering**

We will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering on May 28th. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination.

Sun., June 4th; **Luau Sunday**

On Sunday June 4th we will be having our luau Sunday. We will invite folks to wear Hawaiian shirts to church and give out leis. Afterwards we are going to have City BBQ pork and chicken provided as the main dish and we are asking people to bring side dishes and desserts to go with our theme and the main dish. The food will be located downstairs, but we are encouraging people to use the shelter if the weather is nice.

- All are invited to enjoy lunch and conversation in the downstairs Fellowship room following the service. Donations of snacks are always welcome. Lunch is provided by volunteers with the help of your donations. The first Sunday of the month is always a church potluck.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please talk to Pastor Brian.
- Card Ministry: Please sign the cards on the table at the front of the sanctuary. Let Shirley or Gretchen know about those with physical or emotional needs who would appreciate a card. Your prayers for these people are much appreciated

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

May 14th, 2023

Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21

Fellowship Meal: No Fellowship Meal – Mother's Day

Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

People: **We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.**

Leader: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the light. If you know me, you know God.

People: **We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.**

Leader: Jesus said, ask me for anything, and I will do it.

People: **Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.**

Leader: Jesus said, believe in me, and "Follow me."

All: **Help us to worship you fully believing and following – now and always!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth. You fill us with strength and hope, yet we find it is often not enough. We pray both for great faith and for easy lives, but we know these things seldom exist together. We pray only to avoid the time of trial when we need also to pray for strength and confidence to face the challenges that come with faithfulness. Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust. Make us strong like Stephen, so that we may rejoice in your unending grace even in the times of deepest suffering. In Christ we pray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled, but share instead in Stephen's vision of the heavens opened and Christ standing at the right hand of God. This glorious vision of hope is for all of us, for we are forgiven of all that separates us from the Holy One.

All: **Alleluia and Amen!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* No. 433
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 Acts 7:55-60 NT pg. 168
 John 14:1-14 NT pg. 145

SERMON "Home"

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:

May Meetings:

May 16th, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm
May 23rd, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Today; **First Sunday Carry-in, 11:45 am**
Today is our first Sunday carry-in, please join downstairs.

Sun., May 14th; **Mother's Day**
Mother's past and present, will be honored with a carnation.

Wed., May 17th; **Book Study: Under the Overpass, 7:00 pm**
Our new book will start on Wednesday May 17th, and will continue on Wednesday nights at 7PM for three weeks, ending on Wednesday May 31st. The book we are reading is *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* by Michael Yankoski. We will meet online each Wednesday via Zoom, and the Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. Pastor Brian has several copies of the book, and if those run out, it can be ordered on Amazon.

May 17th – Forward, Note to the reader, Sections 1, 2 & 3
May 24th – Sections 4, 5, & 6
May 31st – Sections 8 & 9, Epilogue, A Reader's Q&A

Sun., May 28th; **Memorial Day Observance & Pentecost**
On Sunday May 28th 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. It will also be Pentecost, so please wear red to celebrate.