



MAY 14, 2023 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* *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 556

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 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: BeBe Buttner

Fellowship Meal: Mother's Day, No Fellowship Lunch

Today's altar flowers are donated by Sherry Stevens, in memory of
Gary's birthday.

Sun., June 4th;

Luuu 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 21st, 2023

Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-11

Fellowship Meal: Alan & Shirley Nelson

Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: We long for community and the Presence of God.

People: In whom we live and move and have our being.

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone. An Advocate will share our journey.

People: With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.

Leader: May the ever-present love of God be with you.

People: And may the joy of Christ surround you.

Leader: May we know the presence of the Advocate as we gather in this community of peace, continuing to share the cost of discipleship with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

All: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord, may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Holy Advocate, it seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth. We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us, and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose. You have called us to great things, but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on whose we are. By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: All of us have been created and called to be in community. Know this, but more importantly, live this: As God's children we are loved and equipped for great ministry. Follow Jesus' commandment to love boldly as you are held in the grace and love of God.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Perfect Love* No. 533
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

ANTHEM *I Surrender All*

LESSONS Acts 17:22-31 NT pg. 184
 John 14:15-21 NT pg. 146

SERMON "Abide"

CLOSING HYMN *A Christian Home* No. 535

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; **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.

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.