



MAY 21, 2023 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTH 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* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 92

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: Carolyn Conner

Fellowship Meal: Alan & Shirley Nelson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Pat Ferguson, in honor of UNC college grad, Isabella.

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 28th, 2023

Acts 2:1-21 and I Corinthians 12:3-13

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

People: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

Leader: God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.

People: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.

Leader: God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

People: Sing praise to God, Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

All: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give strength to your people. Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means for us. Through our stories we can convey hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil. Therefore, let us "clothe ourselves in humility," sharing the Good News of Christ, that we "may all be one." In this God is well pleased.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross* No. 186
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 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*
Bell Choir

LESSONS Acts 1:6-14 NT pg. 158
 John 17:1-11 NT pg. 148

SERMON "Up"

CLOSING HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* No. 233

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 23rd, Consistory, 7:00 pm

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.