



JUNE 18, 2023 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(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* *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 435

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: Bill & Karen Barger
Today's altar flowers are donated by Doug & Janice Rice.

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

June 25th, 2023
Genesis 21:8-21 and Matthew 10:24-39
Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack
Lay Reader: Patti King

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: Strangers visit Abraham and Sarah, and they welcome them with a feast! How wonderful! Strangers promise Sarah and Abraham a child in their old age! Too wonderful!? Strangers leave Abraham and Sarah to wait and ponder: "Is anything to wonderful for God?" Let us worship our Wonder-full God! Amen.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Like Sarah and Abraham, we may be discouraged, tired of waiting for a future that seems impossible. Is anything too wonderful for God? Oh God, you call us to seek you in all times and places, and work with courage to prepare the way for your Kingdom, but our resolve too often fails and we give up too soon. Holy One, Have mercy. Oh God, you call us to offer peace to friends and strangers to prepare the way your Kingdom, but we fail to cultivate the spirit of peace in our own lives. Christ, have mercy. Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your Kingdom, but anxious doubt often burdens us and blocks our witness to your good news. Holy One, have mercy. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Sarah laughed at first, doubting God's promise; Sarah laughed at last, delighted at God's promise fulfilled. May we laugh in hope and delight in pondering, how wonderful God is. In Christ, our sins are forgiven!

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Blessed Assurance* No. 345
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 Genesis 18:1-15 OT pg. 17
 Romans 5:1-8 NT pg. 206

SERMON "Strangers"

CLOSING HYMN* *This Is My Father's World* No. 58

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:

June Meetings:

June 20th, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

June 27th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our food pantry collection box in the comfort room.
- 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