



JULY 2, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
FIFTH 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\*      *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*      No. 571

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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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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

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Lay Reader: TBD

Fellowship Meal: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are donated by Dean & Mindy Severtson in honor of their anniversary.

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

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Let us sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,  
**People: and give thanks to God's holy name.**  
Leader: God does not abandon us in our distress.  
**People: God's healing presence restores us to life.**  
Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
**People: Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing; God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.**  
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God, and not be silent.  
**All: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt. Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come; immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 323  
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 22:1-14

OT pg. 22

Matthew 10:40-42

NT pg. 14

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Charles Williams

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:**

**July Meetings:**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Fri., July 14<sup>th</sup>;

**Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 5:30pm**

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Friday July 14th, starting at 5:30pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. We will have a fire as well and make smores as is gets a little later. Please come, and please invite people you know to come as well. This will be a great opportunity to introduce people to the church. We will start at 5:30pm but will be playing games and grilling all evening. There is also a signup sheet in the sanctuary for people to write down which games they will be bringing to the event.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our food party 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