

July 9, 2023 10:30 a.m. Sixth 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\* May Jesus Christ Be Praised (vs. 1,3,4,6) No. 87

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

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls Fellowship Meal: Patti King Today's altar flowers are donated by Rauls family, for our country.

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

<sup>+</sup>Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

> July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Isaiah 55:10-13 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Fellowship Meal: Ed & Jenny Rauch Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

I am the church; you are the church. Leader: **People:** We are the church together. We depend on our seniors and long-time members to Leader: remember where we came from and where we have been. **People:** We are the church together. We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories Leader: as they grow. We are the church together. **People:** We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us Leader: why we do things this way and to suggest something new. **People:** We are the church together. Leader: We need each other to be the church. All: We are the church together.

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

All: Embodied God, remind us that we are surrounded; we are surrounded by the people you have created, and by the many gifts you have given them to share. Remind us of our own gifts, and the ways we may use them in community. Suffering Savior, we confess that in our own struggle to survive, we have ignored other communities. We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive. Make us mindful. Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another. In your name we pray, Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader:Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own and<br/>that through divine love you are freed to begin anew<br/>the work of living together in compassionate<br/>community.All:Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You Call to Praye Joys and Cor <b>All: I</b>	er Hymn ncerns	n seated) Amazing Grace ear our prayers.	No. 202	
Silent Prayer				
Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)				
Organ Respo	onse			
OFFERING OF GIFTS &	k Selves to C	GOD		
Offertory				
Presentation of Gifts*				
Prais	e God from	whom all blessings flow	V;	
Prais	e God, all ci	reatures here below;		
		I that love has done;		
		nd Spirit, One. Amen		
Prayer of Ble	essing			
Special Music				
Lessons	Song of Se	olomon 2:8-13	OT pg. 736	
	Matthew	11:16-19, 25-30	NT pg. 15	
Sermon	"Smart"			
CLOSING HYMN*	He's Got	He's Got the Whole world in His Hands		
			No. 344	
Parting Song*	Lord of Lii	fe		
Lord of Life,	Lord of Lov	e, walk forever beside u	IS.	
		y, be Thou our vision to		
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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 barbequing 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 brining to the event.

## Wed., July 26<sup>th</sup>; Book Study: Forgotten God, 7:00pm

Our new book will start on Wednesday July 26th, and will continue on Wednesday nights at 7PM for three weeks, ending on Wednesday August 9th. The book we are reading is Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit by Francis Chan and Danae 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.

July 26th – Introduction, About the Cover, Chapters 1 & 2 August 2nd – Chapters 3, 4, & 5 August 9th – Chapters 6 & 7, Afterword