



JULY 16, 2023 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTH 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* *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 2

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: Ed & Jenny Rauch

Today's altar flowers are donated by Ed & Jenny Rauch in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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

July 23th, 2023

Genesis 28:10-19 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: God visits the earth and waters it,

People: greatly enriching the earth.

Leader: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,

People: and blessing the earth.

Leader: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

All: let us shout and sing together for joy!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we too often take for granted your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us. When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: the Spirit of God dwells in you. You are forgiven and free. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Abide with Me* No. 419
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 Isaiah 55:10-13 OT pg. 802
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NT pg. 18

SERMON "Nurture"

CLOSING HYMN* *He Leadeth Me* No. 461

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 18th, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

July 25th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Wed., July 26th; **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

- 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