



AUGUST 6, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
TENTH 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\*                      *Lift High the Cross*                      No. 304

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: Amelia O'Dowd  
Fellowship Meal: Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are donated by Sherry Stevens, in honor of sister Connie's and brother Gary's birthdays.

- 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

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

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Matthew 14:22-33  
 Fellowship Meal: TBD  
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: The day breaks  
**People: And God does not let us go.**  
 Leader: The hour calls  
**People: And God does not let us go.**  
 Leader: The evening falls  
**People: And God holds us fast.**  
 Leader: Let us turn to God in worship  
**All: God, who never turns from us.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: God of all mercy: I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sins in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored stand between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you and I shall follow you giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, all is forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Break Thou the Bread of Life* No. 274  
 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 32:22-31                      OT pg. 38  
   Matthew 14:13-21                      NT pg. 21

SERMON                      "Blessed"

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:**

**August Meetings:**

**Today, Maintenance Team Meeting, 12:00 pm  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Tue., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>;    **Pastor Brian Working Remotely**

Pastor Brian needs to be present for some family responsibilities in case of emergency, and so he has been given permission to work remotely for August 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, he will still be able to be reached at any time via his cell phone, and he can meet at the church office, if need be, he will just be working remotely for the majority of his office hours during these days.

Tue., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>;                      **Trinity Birthday Party Canceled**

The Trinity birthday party for August has been canceled as they have had another Covid outbreak at the facility and large gatherings will not be allowed for the next several weeks.

Wed., August 9<sup>th</sup>;                      **Book Study: Forgotten God, 7:00pm**

Our new book study will conclude this Wednesday night at 7PM, 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 meet online each Wednesday via Zoom, and the Zoom link is sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list.

August 9th – Chapters 6 & 7, Afterword

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>;                      **Garage Sale**

Make sure to place it on your calendars. We will be having our garage sale again on August 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to bring boxed items between now and the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. We will be setting up the sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August and taking it down on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There are volunteer signup sheets under the clock at the back of the sanctuary.