



AUGUST 13, 2023 10:30 A.M.
ELEVENTH 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* *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1,2,3,6)*
No. 52

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: Patti King
Fellowship Meal: The Severtsons
Today's altar flowers are donated by the Severtsons, in honor of
Dean's birthday.

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

August 20th, 2023
Genesis 45:1-15 and Matthew 15:10-28
Fellowship Meal: TBD
Lay Reader: Karen Barger

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

People: We need this kind of hope.

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

All: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds us. But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life, lost our focus on God and are sinking in sin. We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Take heart, do not be afraid. Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved. We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *I Surrender All* No. 366

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 37:1-4, 12-28 OT pg. 43
 Matthew 14:22-33 NT pg. 21

SERMON "Resolve"

CLOSING HYMN* *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* No. 12

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:

August 15th, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

August 22nd, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Aug. 17th – 19th; **Garage Sale**

Make sure to place it on your calendars. We will be having our garage sale again on August 17th through the 19th. We will be setting up the sale today and taking it down on the 20th. There are volunteer signup sheets under the clock at the back of the sanctuary.

- 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