



AUGUST 20, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
TWELFTH 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\*     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*     No. 51

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: Karen Barger  
Fellowship Meal: Pat Ferguson

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger in honor of Bill Barger's birthday on 8/19.

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

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Matthew 16:13-20  
Fellowship Meal: Karen & Bill Barger  
Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like a summer rain, which restores the parched earth.**

Leader: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

**All: God meets us here. We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence, Lord have mercy. When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others, Christ have mercy. In all that we have done and all that we have left undone, Lord have mercy. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need. Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

Call to Prayer Hymn      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      No. 43  
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 45:1-15                      OT pg. 54  
   Matthew 15:10-28                      NT pg. 22

SERMON                      "Words"

CLOSING HYMN\*              *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*              No. 232

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Today;

**Garage Sale Cleanup**

Thank you to everyone who help make this such a successful garage sale. We need just a bit more help from folks to cleanup and box up any leftover garage sale items. Please stay after church and help, many hands make small work.

- 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