



AUGUST 27, 2023 10:30 A.M.
THIRTEENTH 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* *Morning Has Broken* No. 60

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: Bill & Karen Barger

Today's altar flowers are donated by Pat Ferguson.

Sat., Sept. 23rd;

Church Picnic Canceled

The community picnic that had been scheduled for Saturday September 23rd has been canceled and postponed until the Spring. The Planning Committee and the Consistory felt that we did not have an adequate amount of time to plan things, and that we already have a number of events planned for the Fall.

- 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.

September 3rd, 2023

Scripture: Acts 10:34-36

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Holy One, our contractions are minutes apart.
People: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**
Leader: You coach us through pain as the pangs of birth make way for something new.
People: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**
Leader: "Push!" you say as your new creation appears.
People: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**
Leader: Holy One, fulfill this purpose in us. Labor with our hands to create new life.
All: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **God of Justice, Might, and Love, You who are close to those who suffer and mourn and grieve. We confess that we have sometimes let the suffering in our lives eclipse our view of Your glory and our sense of Your joy. We also confess that sometimes we have let our personal suffering numb us to the suffering of others in the world. We forget that You, too, grieve for those whom You have made in Your image ~ the immigrant, the refugee, the sojourner, the orphan, the widow, the poor, and the oppressed. You, too, grieve the oppression they suffer, the injustices they experience, the indignities they endure. You grieve because these realities are the result of another human being's actions or the oppressive and unjust systems human beings create. God, just as You join us in our suffering, we join You in Your suffering for Your world and Your people, for this is not Your will or Your heart. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*
Joys and Concerns No. 9

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 Exodus 1:8-2:10 OT pg. 62
Matthew 16:13-20 NT pg. 24

SERMON "Humble"

CLOSING HYMN* *Our Great Savior* No. 89

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:

None

Mon., Aug. 28rd; **Pastor Brian on Vacation**

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from August 28th through September 11th. In the case of emergency, you may contact him on his cell phone. Rev. Dr. Charlie Williams will be filling in for him on the two Sundays he is gone.

Sun., Sept. 3rd; **Choir Rehearsal Starts**

We will be starting choir rehearsals again on September 3rd. Choir rehearsals are from 12:15pm to 1:00pm after our fellowship lunch. All are invited to sing in the choir, if you are interested, please talk to Karen Barger.

Sun., Sept. 10th; **Bell Choir Rehearsal Starts**

We will be starting bell choir rehearsals again on September 10th. Bell choir rehearsals are from 9:15am to 10:00am before church each Sunday. All are invited to be in the bell choir, if you are interested, please talk to Karen Barger.

Fri., Sept. 22nd; **Payton Project Golf Outing, 7:30 am**

The Payton Project golf outing is a fundraiser for the Payton Project non-profit organization that helps address issues of bullying, mental health, and peer pressure in schools. It was started to honor Payton Freeze a member of Mark's family that was sadly lost due to school bullying. The church will be sponsoring a hole and playing a foursome for the event. If you know of others that might be interested, or just want to attend the lunch, or would like to donate to the event, more information can be found at <https://paytonproject.org>