



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
FOURTEENTH 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\*      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*      No. 183

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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Rev. Brian Eastman, Pastor

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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: TBD

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger in memory of her brother Marc Smith.

- 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Scripture: John 2:1-12  
 Fellowship Meal: TBD  
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High  
**People: Seek God here.**  
 Leader: We who come to be inspired and changed  
**People: Seek God's Spirit here.**  
 Leader: We who know how little we know  
**All: Seek God's Word here.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that: our love isn't always genuine. We see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it. We forget to consider more ways to serve you. We turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality. We do not pray enough for our enemies. We associate with our own kind, fearing the "other". We relish in fantasies of revenge. For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination. God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up. God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin. It is because of that extensive, seeping, powerful and bold love I declare to you in the name of the blessed and holy Trinity: That God forgives us all our sins.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* No. 493  
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

LESSON Acts 10:34-36 NT pg. 173

SERMON Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Charlie Williams  
"Let's Get Rid of The Trash"

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:**

**September Meetings:**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**September 26<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Today;

**Choir Rehearsal Starts**

We will be starting choir rehearsals again on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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. 10<sup>th</sup>;

**Bell Choir Rehearsal Starts**

We will be starting bell choir rehearsals again on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. 22<sup>nd</sup>;

**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>

Sat., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>;

**Church Picnic Canceled**

The community picnic that had been scheduled for Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.