



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
SIXTEENTH 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

INTROIT                      *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*                      No. 21

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\*      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*      No. 278

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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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: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: Venessa Tenney

Today's altar flowers are donated by Tobias family in honor of Bob's  
88th birthday, tomorrow.

- 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15 and Matthew 20:1-16

Fellowship Meal: Pat and Doug Goudy

Lay Reader: Charlie Williams

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** **The people God loves have been gathered in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some have wandered, finding no safety, hungry and thirsty.

**People:** **In their trouble they cried out to God who delivered them from distress.**

Leader: Let us thank our God for steadfast love for all humankind.

**All:** **For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things. O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:** **O God, like a father who teaches his child to walk, like a mother who feeds and heals her children, you desire to nourish all people and rescue them from injustice. You call us into this work of justice-making and care. Yet we follow other paths; we make choices that lead to violence and destruction. Meet us here and teach us how to put aside all temptations that lead to violence, from the smallest to the most global. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: The apostle Paul calls us to seek the things that are above and find new life revealed in Christ. As we have been called by Christ, we put away the things that lead to death and Christ's life is revealed in us. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*  
Joys and Concerns No. 16

**All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* No. 614

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

ANTHEM *This Is God's House*

LESSONS Exodus 14:19-31 OT pg. 79  
Matthew 18:21-35 NT pg. 27

SERMON "Signs"

CLOSING HYMN\* *Trust and Obey* No. 349

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**

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.