



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTEENTH 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

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

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 26

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: Charles Williams

Fellowship Meal: Doug & Pat Goudy

Today's altar flowers are donated by The Baumbargers in honor of
Amanda Duncan's and Melissa Baumbarger's birthdays.

- 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.
- Covid Safety: A reminder that Covid numbers are up, and so please stay safe with precautions. Some in the church may for instance not feel comfortable holding hands of sharing lunch, and we ask that this be respected. Booster vaccines are also now available if you are eligible and choose to do so.

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

October 1st, 2023
 Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 and Matthew 21:23-32
 Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.
People: Our God is gracious.
 Leader: Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.
People: Our God is merciful.
 Leader: Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.
People: Our God is slow to anger.
 Leader: Our temples flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.
All: Our God abounds in steadfast love.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth prophets to proclaim your word. We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive and God's promise of restoration is for all people. 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 *Wonderful Words of Life* No. 270
Joys and Concerns

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 *Lead Me Lord*

LESSONS Exodus 16:2-15 OT pg. 82
 Matthew 20:1-16 NT pg. 28

SERMON "Fair"

CLOSING HYMN* *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 354

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 26th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Today; **Congregational Picture**, 11:30 am

We are going to be taking a congregational picture on the front steps of the church immediately after the service today, please stay and join us for the picture.

Wed., Oct. 4th; **Blessing of the Animals**, 6:30 pm

We will have a blessing of the animals at 6:30 PM in the shelter on Wednesday Oct. 4th, which is the Feast of St. Francis. All types of animals are welcome, although we would ask that folks be considerate and not bring animals that don't get along well with others. We also ask that the animals have a leash or restraint of some kind.

Sat., Oct. 14th; **Chicken and Noodle Dinner**, 11 am – 7 pm

We will be having our Fall Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday October 14th. The dinner will be open for most of the day from 11AM to 7PM, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$15. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it.

Fri., Oct. 27th; **Congregational Pumpkin Carving**, 6:30 pm

All kids and adults, let it be known that we will again be having our annual grand pumpkin carving event on Friday October 27th at 6:30 PM here at the church. Please bring a pumpkin to carve, whatever carving instruments you feel you need. We will likely have apple cider and other snacks, feel free to bring those as well. All are invited.