



OCTOBER 1, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
EIGHTEENTH 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\* *Be Thou My Vision* No. 382

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: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are donated by Doug & Janice Rice in honor of  
Shelby's birthday.

- 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 or 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-8, 12-20 and Matthew 21:33-46

Fellowship Meal: Shirley & Linda

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.  
**People: Our God is among us.**  
 Leader: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.  
**People: Our God moves among us.**  
 Leader: Watch and listen, for God is here.  
**All: Our God dwells among us.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Do we seek to exalt ourselves – to be lifted above others? Does our sense of success depend on someone else's failure? Does our love of God entirely guide our relationships? Do we twist service into convenience and leisure, ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant? Disturb the habits of our sin, O God. Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin's embrace.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive in us! God lives – but sin is dead. And our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

Call to Prayer Hymn *In Remembrance* No. 322  
 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                      *The God of Abraham Praise*                      No. 34

LESSONS                      Exodus 17:1-7                      OT pg. 83  
   Matthew 21:23-32                      NT pg. 30

SERMON                      "Frustration"

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:**

**October Meetings:**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**October 24<sup>h</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Tue., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>;                      **Blessing of the Animals (Rescheduled)**, 6:30 pm

We will have a blessing of the animals at 6:30 PM in the shelter on Tuesday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is day before 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. 14<sup>th</sup>;                      **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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Sun., Oct 15<sup>th</sup>;                      **Neighbors in Need Offering**

On Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will take up our denominations Neighbors in Need offering, which is one of the four denominational offerings we support each year.

Fri., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>;                      **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.