



OCTOBER 8, 2023 10:30 A.M.
NINETEENTH 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* *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 292

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: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: Shirley & Linda

Today's altar flowers are donated by Karen Barger in honor of Bill and Karen's 14th wedding anniversary.

- 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 15th, 2023
 Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14 and Philippians 4:1-9
 Fellowship Meal: TBD
 Lay Reader: Patti King

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God
People: May our worship reflect God's glory.
 Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.
 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[†]

All: Gracious God, we too often focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common. Forgive us. Help us to remember we are siblings to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image. When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to your love and your call to love each other. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: As children of God, we are loved tenderly. God longs to bring us into God's embrace. By the life and love of Jesus, you are forgiven and free.
All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Nearer, My God to Thee* No. 393
 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	<i>In This Very Room</i>	
LESSONS	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21:33-46	OT pg. 87 NT pg. 31
SERMON	"Rules"	
CLOSING HYMN*	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	No. 3
PARTING SONG*	<i>Lord of Life</i>	

**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 17th, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

October 24^h, Consistory, 7:00 pm

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.

Sun., Oct 15th; **Neighbors in Need Offering**
On Sunday October 15th, we will take up our denominations Neighbors in Need offering, which is one of the four denominational offerings we support each year.

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.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our food pany 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.