



OCTOBER 29, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
TWENTY-SECOND 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\*        *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*        No. 97

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: Patti King

Today's altar flowers are donated by Shirley & Alan Nelson, for their  
12th anniversary.

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

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Scripture: TBD  
Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-in  
Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: You, O God, know our hearts.  
**People: Guide our hearts, O God.**  
Leader: You, O God, see our ways.  
**People: Shape our ways, O God.**  
Leader: You, O God, call our spirits.  
**All: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Happy are those who turn away from the counsel of the wicked. But oh, that counsel can be so seductive, it draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities, obstructs our capacity to love. But we seek no obstructions, we reject wicked counsel. We embrace God's embrace. For whatever ways we don't, we confess. In whichever ways we sin, we repent. Hear our prayers, O God, as, before you, we seek wholeness.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

Call to Prayer Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 267  
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

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS                      Deuteronomy 34:1-12                      OT pg. 231  
   Matthew 22:34-46                              NT pg. 33

SERMON                      "Mountaintop"

CLOSING HYMN\*            *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*        No. 451

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:**

**None**

- 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.