



NOVEMBER 19, 2023 10:30 A.M.  
TWENTY-FIFTH 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\*      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*      No. 559

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: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Meal: Bill & Karen Barger

Today's altar flowers are donated by the Goudy family in honor of  
Pat'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.

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Scripture: Psalm 100 and Matthew 25:31-46  
 Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack  
 Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Sing the new day  
**People: O God, we come.**  
 Leader: Sing a new song  
**People: Awakened, we come.**  
 Leader: Sing to the light  
**All: So beckoned, we come.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: There is a richness here, a gorgeous, flowing richness of unending abundance. But that doesn't mean that it guides us. Our ways, within and beyond our control, speak of something different: of lack, of fear, of something other than an acknowledgement of God's endless and beautiful river of grace. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: There is a richness, a richness that says "yes", eternally, even in the face of our behavioral "no"s. There is a richness that penetrates distrust and offers so much more. This richness forgives and gives even more.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

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| Call to Prayer Hymn                      | <i>We Gather Together</i>      | No. 561 |
| Joys and Concerns                        |                                |         |
| <b>All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.</b> |                                |         |
| Silent Prayer                            |                                |         |
| Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)           |                                |         |
| Choral Response                          | <i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i> | 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 *Songs of the Spirit*

LESSONS Judges 4:1-7 OT pg. 264  
Matthew 25:14-30 NT pg. 37

SERMON "Achieve"

CLOSING HYMN\* *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 556

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:**

**November Meetings:**

**Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, Planning Committee, 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Today; **Operation Christmas Child**

We will be working with Samaritan's Purse again to send shoebox sized gift packs to children around the world for Christmas. We provide boxes and instructions. Please bring all of the completed boxes to church by Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Sun., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>; **Volunteer Award**

Starting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be voting for our volunteer of the year award. We will take votes through Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. The vote box and slips will be on a table at the front of the church. If you are unable to vote in person, you can email your vote to Pastor Brian. Prior winners are not able to win again and their names are listed in the newsletter and will be on the table.

Sun., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>; **Children's Clothes and Toy Drive**

We will be collecting new, unwrapped, toys and children's clothing for our sister church in Cincinnati. We will be collecting these items in the "cry/comfort-room" of the church. We will collect toys and clothes until November 26th. They have requested no toy guns, knives. If you wish to donate money instead, that is appreciated as well. You can write a check to Beaver Church, and then the church will combine everyone's donations and give the funds to Washington UCC.

Wed. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>; **Book Study, 7:00 pm**

Our new book will start on Wednesday November 29th, and will continue on Wednesday nights at 7PM for three weeks, ending on Wednesday December 13th. The book we are reading is Addicted to Hurry: Spiritual Strategies for Slowing Down by Kirk Byron Jones. We will meet online each Wednesday via Zoom, and the Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. Pastor Brian will have enough copies of the book, so please see him for a copy. Reading Schedule: November 29th – Chapters 1-3; December 6th – Chapters 4-7; December 13th – Chapters 8-10