



NOVEMBER 26, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

(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* *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* (vs. 1,3,4,6) No. 87

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: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: Nancy Pack

Today's altar flowers are donated by Linda Racz.

- 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.

December 3rd, 2023

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 and Mark 13:24-37

Fellowship Meal: First Sunday Carry-In

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Know that the Holy One is God.

People: We are God's people.

Leader: Worship the Holy One with gladness;

People: Come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

People: Make a joyful noise!

Leader: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let us worship with thanks and joy! Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Though we wander, God searches us out. Speaking through Ezekiel, God said, "As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick gloom." God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 560
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 Psalm 100 OT pg. 661
Matthew 25:31-46 NT pg. 38

SERMON "Thankful"

CLOSING HYMN* *In Christ There Is No East or West* No. 285

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 28th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Today;

Volunteer Award

Starting on November 12th, we will be voting for our volunteer of the year award. We will take votes through Nov. 26th. 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.

Today;

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. 29th;

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