



MAY 5, 2024 10:30 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

(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 *Come, We That Love the Lord* No. 18

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

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

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: Dr. Cathy Harruff
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: Karen Barger
Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In
Today's altar flowers are given by the Severtsons.

- 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.
- Church Email List: If you would like to receive updates about church events and worship, please give your email address to Pastor Brian and he will add you to the church email list.
- 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.

May 12, 2024
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and John 17:6-19
 Fellowship Meal: Mother's Day, No Lunch
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP†

- Leader: Outside the city gate a farmer rises early so that there will be eggs and bacon and cereal and milk on our tables. As we gather today to give you thanks,
- People:** **We ask a blessing on the farmer.**
- Leader: Outside the city gate a road crew patches over the wear of winter so that we will be safe as we travel past field and forest and stream. As we gather today to give you thanks,
- People:** **We ask a blessing on the road crew.**
- Leader: Outside the city gate a farm worker bends over a field so that our bodies will be nourished with nutrient rich food from the soil of the earth. As we gather today to give you thanks,
- People:** **We ask a blessing on the farm worker.**
- Leader: On this Sabbath day we honor those outside the gate by river, field, mountain, forest and ocean. In this place of prayer we give thanks, O God of All Creation
- All:** **And ask a blessing on all who care for your Creation.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

- All:** **Holy One, too often we seek after the peace that the world gives. We strive for financial abundance and positions of status and power. We look for salvation in the gleaming metropolis with its busyness and its skyscrapers and its burgeoning populace, or in the evenly furrowed rows of fertilized farmland, and we relinquish our lives to a reality of our own creation. Forgive us. Show us again the river of the water of life in country and city. Lead us to the tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and sink our roots there, into the soil of your creation. Remind us that before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems or our own creation, there was your Creation. Turn us back to you, Source of Life.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love. There is still Love. God's love for us knows no beginning and no end.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 323
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Response *Let the Words of My Mouth* No. 618

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 *You Are All I Need*

LESSONS Acts 10:44-48 NT pg. 173
John 15:9-17 NT pg. 147

SERMON Love

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:

May Meetings:

May 21st, Church Planning Committee (via Zoom), 7:00 pm

May 28th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Fri., May 10th; **Church Bowling Event, 7:00 pm**

We will have a bowling event for everyone in the church on Friday May 10th at 7:00pm. We will meet for bowling at the Beaver Vu Bowl over by the Kroger on Fairfield. We will bowl for about 2 hours, and get dinner while we are there for those that want it.

Sun., May 12th; **Mother's Day**

Mother's past and present, will be honored with a carnation.

Sun., May 19th; **Photos for Advertising Campaign, 10:30 am**

The church is going to launching a new online advertising campaign in 2024. We will be creating advertisements for the church on Facebook that will be directed at certain audiences. As part of our new campaign, we will have a photographer come to the church on Sunday May 19th to take pictures of the church, our Sunday service, and our fellowship time. We would ask to please attend that Sunday if you can so that we get a good turnout.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food patty or the collection box in the comfort room.