



MAY 12, 2024 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF 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* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 92

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: Tom Rauls
Fellowship Meal: No Lunch for Mother's Day
Today's altar flowers are given by Sherry Stevens, remembering her
father William's birthday.

- Please consider donating new non-perishable food items to our outdoor food pantry or the 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.
- 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.

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

May 19, 2024
 Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:22-27
 Fellowship Meal: TBD
 Lay Reader: Patti King

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Good morning, friends and neighbors! Of all the places you could be on a Sunday morning, why are you here?

People: We come seeking the blessing of the Risen One in community.

Leader: We come to celebrate the presence of the One who knows our hearts and guides our choices.

People: We come to witness to the Risen One at work in our community.

Leader: The Risen One at work in us, offering us eternal life:

People: Opening our minds to God's justice, our hearts to God's mercy, our world to the place where God is all in all.

Leader: Eternal life starting here, starting now:

All: let us celebrate!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Protector of all, so many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you. Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Be joyful this day because you are not the burdens you carry! Instead, you are the beautiful image God created and is creating you to be! God is creating a Beloved Community in our midst!

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)
 Call to Prayer Hymn *Just As I Am* No. 342
 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 *The Gift of Love*
 LESSONS Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 NT pg. 158
 John 17:6-19 NT pg. 149
 SERMON Ministry
 CLOSING HYMN *A Christian Home* No. 535

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

Today; **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.

Sun., May 19th; **Strengthen the Church Offering**
 We will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering next Sunday. It is one of our denomination's four special yearly offerings. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination.

Sun., May 26th; **Memorial Sunday**
 On Sunday May 26th we will recognize and remember all those in our church family who have died in the past year. We will do this by reading their name aloud and lighting a candle in their honor. If you have any family or friends who you would like remembered, please give their name to Pastor Brian by May 19th either by telling him or sending him an email at "pastorbrian@beaverucc.org".