



JULY 14, 2024 10:30 A.M.
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(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

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 267

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. Barbara Acker-Mills
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: Patti King
Fellowship Meal: Ed & Jenny Rauch
Today's altar flowers are given by Jean Howell.

- 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.

July 21, 2024
 2 Samuel 7:1-14 and Ephesians 2:11-22
 Fellowship Meal: TBD
 Lay Reader: Charles Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Come, let us come into the House of the Holy One with song and dance.

People: We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers, and all that dwells within.

Leader: The Lord of the Dance beckons us to join in this time of celebration and joy.

People: That we might know that we are gathered in God's holy place.

Leader: We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.

All: We seek to know God's faithfulness and wisdom. Let us enter God's rhythm of life and follow in the ways of the Word. God will bring us home where dancing and joy will never end!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: The God of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing. God is eager to show us the path home. Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Rise Up, O Church of God* No. 293
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Organ Response

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 133 OT pg. 685
 John 17:20-23 NT pg. 149
 Ephesians 4:1-6 NT pg. 261

SERMON E Pluribus Unum
 Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Charles Williams

CLOSING HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal* No. 483

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:

July Meetings:

Tuesday July 16th, Planning Committee (via Zoom), 7:00 pm

Tuesday July 23rd, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Ongoing; **Military Card Program**

This summer we are having a military card ministry. We are asking those who are interested to fill out a card, or write a letter, or for kids draw a picture that will be sent to active-duty military. There is a table at the front of the church that has cards and a basket to place finished cards, letters, or drawings. There are also instructions next to the basket.

Ongoing; **Crayons to Classrooms**

From now through August 25th, we are collecting new school supplies for children in disadvantaged schools through the local Crayons to Classrooms program. You can bring any new school supplies from now through August 25th, and place them in the box at the front of the church.

Wed., July 17th; **Book Study: The Shack, 7:00pm**

We will be continuing our new book study on Wednesday nights at 7PM through July 17th. We will meet online each Wednesday via Zoom, and the Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. July 17th – Chapters 14-18.

Sat., July 20th; **Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 5:00pm**

We will have a Church BBQ on Saturday July 20th, starting at 5:00pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Please come, and please invite people you know to come as well. This will be a great opportunity to introduce people to the church. We will start at 5:00pm but will be playing games and grilling all evening.