



AUGUST 18, 2024 10:30 A.M.  
THIRTEENTH 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

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\*     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*     No. 51

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: Donna Larsen

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: Lindsey Risinger

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by Severtsons for Dean's birthday.

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

August 25, 2024

Psalm 84 and John 6:56-59

Fellowship Meal: Janice & Susan

Lay Reader: Janice Saddler Rice

#### CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

**People: How can we discover such wisdom?**

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God's will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

**People: May God fill us with hymns and spiritual songs! We have come to lift up in praise music from our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread. We want to be nourished that we may remain with him. Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

**All: Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy. Praise the Lord with our hearts!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: In God's wisdom and compassion, we receive grace that we might live anew, unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past. Continue to feast on the living bread that is given to us each day.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Come, We That Love the Lord* No. 18  
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                    1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14                    OT pg. 370  
                                  John 6:51-58                                    NT pg. 133

SERMON                    Full

CLOSING HYMN            *Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty*            No. 61

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**

**August Meetings:**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, and place them in the box at the front of the church.

Today;                        **Garage Sale Cleanup**

Today after church we will be taking what is left from the garage sale and boxing it up so it can be taken to be donated. Please help if you can.