



SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 10:30 A.M.  
FIFTEENTH 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\*      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      No. 43

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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Rev. Brian Eastman, Pastor

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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: Karen Barger

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in

Today's altar flowers are given by Karen Barger, in memory of Marc Smith.

- 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.

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Psalm 125 and Mark 7:24-37  
 Fellowship Meal: Lindsey Risinger  
 Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Hear the voice of the Beloved, who comes leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills;  
**People: Our Beloved, like a gazelle or a young deer, stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows,**  
 Leader: Beloved speaks and calls to us:  
**All: “Arise, my love, my dear one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear and do not let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Holy One, in Christ you have shown us the way into your Beloved Community of mercy, love and peace, in which you are making all things new. Fill us with your grace so we can fall in love with your world and offer--and experience--forgiveness, reconciliation and hope.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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)  
 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      *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

LESSONS              Isaiah 56:3-7                      OT pg. 803  
                             Acts 8:26-38                      NT pg. 170

SERMON              "Interview with a Eunuch"  
                             Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Charles Williams

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:**

**September Meetings:**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Sun., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>;              **Rhett's Confirmation**  
Please join us on September 8th as we welcome Rhett Lingenfelter into full membership in the church as he completes his confirmation process during the service.

Sun., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>;              **Choir Rehearsal Starts**  
We will be starting choir rehearsals again on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Choir rehearsals are from 12:15pm to 1:00pm after our fellowship lunch. All are invited to sing in the choir, if you are interested, please talk to Karen Barger.

Sun., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>;              **Bell Choir Rehearsal Starts**  
We will be starting bell choir rehearsals again on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Bell choir rehearsals are from 9:15am to 10:00am before church each Sunday. All are invited to be in the bell choir, if you are interested, please talk to Karen Barger.

Fri., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>;              **Payton Project Golf Outing, 7:30 am**  
The Payton Project golf outing is a fundraiser for the Payton Project non-profit organization that helps address issues of bullying, mental health, and peer pressure in schools. It was started to honor Payton Freeze a member of Mark's family that was sadly lost due to school bullying. The church will be sponsoring a hole and playing a foursome for the event. If you know of others that might be interested, or just want to attend the lunch, or would like to donate to the event, more information can be found at <https://paytonproject.org>

- 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.