



SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTEENTH 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

INTROIT *O Worship the Lord* No. 593

GATHERING HYMN* *I Need Thee Every Hour* No. 428

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

*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 5th grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: Mindy and Dean Severtson

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

- 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.

September 22nd, 2024
 Psalm 1 and Mark 9:30-37
 Fellowship Meal: Patti King
 Lay Reader: Rhett Lingenfelter

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Jesus asks the disciples:
People: "Who do people say I am?"
 Leader: They answer, "Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets." But Jesus presses them:
People: "Who do you say I am?"
 Leader: Peter answers, "You are Christ—God's anointed one, God-with-us!" Now Jesus pushes us:
All: "What about you? Here, in this moment, in this community, who do you say I am?"

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Christ calls on us to "lose our life in order to save it"; to "take up our cross and follow" in the ways of justice and peace. Like the disciples before us, we are often amazed and overwhelmed by this command. We close our ears to such challenge and our hearts to such risk.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God's words and actions are never careless; in sending Jesus Christ to the world, God offers a model and a companion, a source of ever-flowing love and acceptance and wisdom. In Christ we are forgiven all our failings, and given strength to start again.
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
 Joys and Concerns No. 435
All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *Divine Spirit, Hear Our Prayer* No. 615

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 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 252

LESSONS Proverbs 1:20-33 OT pg. 696
 Mark 8:27-38 NT pg. 59

SERMON "Cross"

CLOSING HYMN *Amazing Grace* No. 202

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 17th, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 7:00 pm

September 24th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

Fri., Sept. 20th; **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>

Fri., Oct. 4th; **Blessing of the Animals, 6:30 pm**

We will have a blessing of the animals at 6:30 PM in the shelter on Friday Oct. 4th, which is day of the Feast of St. Francis. All types of animals are welcome, although we would ask that folks be considerate and not bring animals that don't get along well with others. We also ask that the animals have a leash or restraint of some kind.

Sun., Oct 6th; **Neighbors in Need Offering**

On Sunday October 6th, we will take up our denominations Neighbors in Need offering, which is one of the four denominational offerings we support each year.

Sat., Oct. 19th; **Chicken and Noodle Dinner, 11 am – 7 pm**

We will be having our Fall Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday October 19th. The dinner will be open for most of the day from 11AM to 7PM, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$15. There are sign-up sheets under the clock for volunteering for the event. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it.