



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 10:30 A.M.
EIGHTEENTH 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* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 26

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: Rhett Lingenfelter
Fellowship Meal: Patti King
Today's altar flowers are given by Cathy Miller.

- 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 29th, 2024
 Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22 and Mark 9:38-50
 Fellowship Meal: Shirley Nelson
 Lay Reader: Patti King

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Jesus challenges us in today's gospel:
People: Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.
 Leader: Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:
People: Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.
 Leader: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!
All: May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: We often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children we would save ourselves and our world. We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change. We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your reign of justice and peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: We give thanks for our savior and teacher Jesus Christ, who was born among us as a child needing nurture and care, and grew to reveal your power to make all things new. We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship.
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* No. 423
Joys and Concerns

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 *Lead Me, Lord*

LESSONS Psalm 1 OT pg. 594
Mark 9:30-37 NT pg. 61

SERMON "River"

CLOSING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* No. 382

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 24th, Consistory, 7:00 pm

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.

- 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 panty or the collection box in the comfort room.