



MAY 18, 2025 10:30 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

GATHERING HYMN* *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* No. 232

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: 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: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Today's altar flowers are given by Hawkers in honor of Jim Hawker's
85th 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.
- 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.

May 25, 2025

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15 and John 14:23-29

Fellowship Meal: TBD

Lay Reader: Nancy Pack

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
People: Praise God!
 Leader: The universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects.
People: Praise God from the heavens!
 Leader: All creation is a song of praise to God.
People: Praise God from the earth.
 Leader: The Earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel laced with slowly swirling veils of white, like a pearl in a thick sea of black mystery.
People: Praise God from the deepest sea.
 Leader: Great Spirit, give me strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is.
People: Praise God all people, young and old.
 Leader: Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.
All: Praise God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Creator God, we have neglected our neighbors in their times of need. We have enjoyed profits and pleasures that harm your creation. We have squandered much of what you have made and called "good." Have mercy on us. Help us change our ways and make us new, that all may know the joy of abundant life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: From birth to rebirth, God writes new beginnings. God offers grace upon grace. In Jesus Christ, God shows and tells an endless love that inspires green shoots of new life. We are forgiven.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 560
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*
No. 617

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 *Every Valley*

LESSONS Acts 11:1-18 NT pg. 174
Revelation 21:1-6 NT pg. 352

SERMON Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Charlie Williams

CLOSING HYMN* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 286

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:

May Meetings:

May 20, Church Planning Committee (via Zoom), 6:30 pm

May 27, Consistory, 6:00 pm

Ongoing; **Military Card Program**

We have been continuing our military card ministry. We are asking those who are interested to fill out a card.

Ongoing; **Food Pantry Ministry**

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

Mon., May 5th; **Pastor Brian Taking Time Off**

Pastor Brian will be taking time off from May 5th through May 19th. If you need to speak with a pastor while he is gone, you may contact Rev. Charlie Williams at (937) 830-6034 or Rev. Martha (Marty) Smith at (216) 233-0637.

Sun., May 25th; **Memorial Day Observance**

On Sunday May 26th we will have our annual observance of those members, friends, and family who have passed away in the last year. We will read the names aloud and light a candle for each person who is honored. If you have any names that you want to add to our list, please email them to Pastor Brian.

Sun., June 1st; **Luau Sunday**

On Sunday June 1st we will be having our luau Sunday. We invite folks to wear Hawaiian shirts to church and give out leis. We will have City BBQ for the main dish and we are asking people to bring side dishes and desserts to go with our theme.