



MAY 25, 2025 10:30 A.M.

SIXTH 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\* *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 262

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 Jeannette Papajcik

---

\*All who are comfortable, please stand.

## BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Organized 1809      [www.beaverucc.org](http://www.beaverucc.org)      937-426-5602  
1960 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek, Ohio 45434

Rev. Brian Eastman, Pastor

Pastor's Phone: 937-469-1383      [pastorbrian@beaverucc.org](mailto:pastorbrian@beaverucc.org)

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.
- 

Lay Reader: Nancy Pack

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by the Baumbargers in honor of Glenn Reindl's and Lily Armstrong's Birthdays.

- 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.

<sup>†</sup>Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

June 1, 2025

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20-26

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in: Luau

Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Outside the city gate a farmer rises early so that there will be eggs and bacon and cereal and milk on our tables. As we gather today to give you thanks,

**People:** **We ask a blessing on the farmer.**

Leader: Outside the city gate a road crew patches over the wear of winter so that we will be safe as we travel past. As we gather today to give you thanks,

**People:** **We ask a blessing on the road crew.**

Leader: On this Sabbath day we honor those outside the gate by river, field, mountain, forest and ocean. In this place of prayer we give thanks, O God of All Creation

**All:** **And ask a blessing on all who care for your Creation.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:** **Holy One, too often we seek after the peace that the world gives. We strive for financial abundance and positions of status and power. We look for salvation in the gleaming metropolis with its busyness and its skyscrapers and its burgeoning populace, or in the evenly furrowed rows of fertilized farmland, and we relinquish our lives to a reality of our own creation. Forgive us. Remind us that before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems or our own creation, there was your Creation. Turn us back to you, Source of Life.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Before industry, before economy, before agriculture, before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love. There is still Love. God's love for us knows no beginning and no end. Give thanks, for we are a loved and forgiven people.

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn      *He Leadeth Me*      No. 461  
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      *'Tis the Gift to Be Simple*      Bell Choir  
Piano: Donna Larsen

LESSONS      Acts 16:9-15      NT pg. 182  
John 14:23-29      NT pg. 146

SERMON      "Love"

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE      (See Insert)

CLOSING HYMN\*      *For All the Saints*      No. 546

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 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.

Today;      **Memorial Day Observance**

Today 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.

Sun., June 1<sup>st</sup>;      **Luau Sunday**

On Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

- 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.