



JUNE 29, 2025 10:30 A.M.
THIRD 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.

PRELUDE

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *O For a Thousand Tongues* No. 76

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

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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: Ruth Tobias

Fellowship Meal: Karen & Bill Barger

Today's altar flowers are given by Jim & Jeri Hawker, in honor of their
63rd anniversary on June 30, and Ellen's 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.

July 7, 2025

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14 & Galatians 6:1-16

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In

Lay Reader: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Holy seekers whom God loves, come to receive your goodly heritage. Here among your gathered family take refuge in the Divine.

All: We come to know the presence of a loving God. We are here to be shown the path of life. Let us bless the One who gives us counsel. Let us together celebrate the ways of the Holy God.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Love That Would Not Let Me Go*
Joys and Concerns No. 374

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

Donna Larsen

LESSONS

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

OT pg. 406

Luke 9:51-72

NT pg. 95

SERMON

"Focus"

CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

No. 345

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:

June Meetings:

Thursday July 3, Marion's Lunch Group, 12:30 pm

Tuesday July 15, Planning Committee (via Zoom), 6:30 pm

Tuesday July 22, 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.

Wed., July 16th;

Book Study: The Birth of Satan, 6:30pm

We will be starting a new book study on Wednesday nights at 6:30PM from July 16th through July 30th. The book we are reading is *The Birth of Satan: Tracing the Devil's Biblical Roots* by T.J. Wray and Gregory Mobley. This will be a hybrid book study, we will meet in person in the fellowship hall each Wednesday, and it will also be available online each Wednesday via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. Pastor Brian has several copies of the book if you would like one. There are not a lot of physical copies in print, so if you do not get a copy from Pastor Brian, then your best bet is Amazon Kindle. July 16th – Intro, Chapters 1-2; July 23rd – Chapters 3-5; July 30th – Chapters 6-8

Sat., July 20th;

Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 4:30pm

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Saturday July 20th, starting at 4:30pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Please come, and please invite people you know to come as well. This will be a great opportunity to introduce people to the church. We will start at 4:30pm but will be playing games and grilling all evening.