



JULY 13, 2025 10:30 A.M.  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**(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\*    *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*    No. 278

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

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\*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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment. Children will remain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Sunday School classrooms until an adult family member comes to get them.

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Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by Steve Filer, for friend Robin Ann's birthday.

Sat., July 26<sup>th</sup>;

## **Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 4:30pm**

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 barbequing 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.

- 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.

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

July 20, 2025

Scripture: Amos 8:1-12 and Luke 10:38-42

Fellowship Meal: Judy Hudson & Pat Ferguson

Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

## **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>**

**Leader:** Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

**People:** **No one can stop us from speaking the truth.**

**Leader:** We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence:

**People:** **No one can stop us from speaking the truth.**

**Leader:** We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

**People:** **No one can stop us from speaking the truth.**

**Leader:** Come, let us celebrate together the power to love and to speak truth:

**All:** **We are ready to worship our God who is still speaking!**

## **INVOCATION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>**

**All:** **We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**Leader:** The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. Let us go from this place with authority, knowing that God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those who are broken. Thanks to the Word of God!

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn      *Seek Ye First*  
Joys and Concerns

No. 42

**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      *Le Cygne (The Swan)*

C. Saint-Saens

Piano: Donna Larsen

Viola: Karen Barger

LESSONS      Amos 7:7-17  
                 Luke 10:25-37

OT pg. 997

NT pg. 96

SERMON      "Ignorance"

CLOSING HYMN      *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

No. 284

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:**

**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 16<sup>th</sup>;

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

We will be starting a new book study on Wednesday nights at 6:30PM from July 16<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> – Intro, Chapters 1-2; July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Chapters 3-5; July 30<sup>th</sup> – Chapters 6-8