



JULY 20, 2025 10:30 A.M.
SIXTH 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 God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 52

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. Children will remain in the 3rd floor Sunday School classrooms until an adult family member comes to get them.

Lay Reader: BeBe Buttner

Fellowship Meal: Judy Hudson & Pat Ferguson

Today's altar flowers are given by Melissa Baumbarger honor of Brian Baumbarger's birthday.

Aug. 14th – 16th; **Garage Sale**

Make sure to place it on your calendars. We will be having our garage sale again on August 14th through the 16th. Feel free to bring boxed items between now and the 10th of August. We will be setting up the sale earlier this year on the 3rd of August and taking it down on the 17th. There are volunteer signup sheets will be placed soon under the clock at the back of the sanctuary.

- 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 27, 2025

Scripture: Hosea 1:2-10 and Luke 11:1-13

Fellowship Meal: Austin & Julia

Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Christ is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome?
People: We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in his presence.
Leader: When God shows up, surprising things can happen.
People: We will make ourselves ready. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.
Leader: Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!
All: So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise. Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Gracious, inviting God, you continually provide us with opportunities to practice generous hospitality. But our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make our welcome appear weak and insincere. Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ. Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do, we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The Psalmist declares that those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God's sanctuary. God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts. Now let the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flow through you. May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

