



AUGUST 24, 2025 10:30 A.M.  
ELEVENTH 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\*                      *How Great Thou Art*                      No. 4

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

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\*All who are comfortable, please stand.

## BEAVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Organized 1809                      www.beaverucc.org                      937-426-5602  
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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: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Meal: Karen & Bill & Nancy Pack

Today's altar flowers are given by Nancy & Polly, in memory of  
Cousin Sue's birthday.

- 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.

August 31, 2025

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Luke 14:1, 7-14

Fellowship Meal: Shirley & Alan Nelson

Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Divine One is a spring of water!**

Leader: We may be weary from worry and work, so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!**

Leader: We may be lost or confused, so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!**

Leader: We may be bent over with struggle or pain, so we come into God's presence:

**All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Holy One, forgive us. Take away whatever holds us back. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people: Repairers of the broken places and Restorers of streets to safety and peace. O God, with your help we can change and bring you glory.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: Though we may have strayed, when we come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that the kingdom we are offered cannot be shaken. We will not be abandoned; indeed we will have continual guidance. Each time we feed the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted we grow in the strength of our faith and our bond with God. We are changed.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 51  
Joys and Concerns

**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

LESSONS	Jeremiah 29:10-14	OT pg. 852
	John 5:1-15	NT pg. 129

SERMON	Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Charles Williams
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CLOSING HYMN*	<i>We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer</i> No. 16
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PARTING SONG*	<i>Lord of Life</i>
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**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:

### **August Meetings:**

**Tuesday August 26, 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; **Crayons to Classrooms**

Today is the final day for our collection of new school supplies for children in disadvantaged schools through the local Crayons to Classrooms program. If you brought in any new school supplies, you can place them in the white box at the front of the church.

Mon., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Brian Away**

Pastor Brian will be away from after the service today until Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have an emergency and need to talk to him, he will be reachable by his cell phone. If you have general pastoral needs during this time, you may contact Rev. Charlie Williams at (937) 830-6034 or Rev. Martha (Marty) Smith at (216) 233-0637.

- 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.