

AUGUST 31, 2025 10:30 A.M.
TWELFTH 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\* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.

No. 8

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.

Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson
Fellowship Meal: Shirley & Alan Nelson
Today's altar flowers are given by Gretchen Weiler.

Wed., July 16<sup>th</sup>; **Book Study: Book of Revelation**, 6:30pm
We will be starting a new book study on Tuesday nights at
6:30PM from Sept 16<sup>th</sup> through Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a sevenweek Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will be using
a study guide as well, that is "Revelation & the End of All
Things" by Craig R. Koester. This will be a hybrid book study,
we will meet in person in the fellowship hall each Tuesday,
and it will also be available online via Zoom. The Zoom link
will be sent out via the all-church email list. Pastor Brian has
several copies of the study guide if you would like one.
Sept 16th – SG Ch 1; Sept 23rd – Rev 1-3, SG Ch 2; Sept 30th –
Rev 4-7, SG Ch 3; Oct 7th – Rev 8-11, SG Ch 4; Oct 14th – Rev
12-15, SG Ch 5; Oct 21st – Rev 15-19, SG Ch 6; Oct 28th – Rev
19-22, SG Ch 7

- 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.

September 7, 2025 Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Philemon 1:1-21 Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday carry-in Lay Reader: TBD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

People: God, our Host, welcomes us.

Leader: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt

and fed you along the way:"

People: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good

things.

Leader: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting

the promise:

All: A feast for all--freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven,

and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger. Let us worship

God!

#### INVOCATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

All:

Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promise. Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality. We forsake your blessing. Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our

midst.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: God is merciful and slow to anger. God seeks the lost

and extends the invitation again and again. God welcomes us when we turn to God. Friends, believe

the Good News of the Gospel.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart Joys and Concerns No. 249

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 2:4-13 OT pg. 817

Luke 14:1, 7-14 NT pg. 103

SERMON "Me"

CLOSING HYMN\* Fairest Lord Jesus No. 88

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** 

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**September Meetings:** 

Tuesday September 9, Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm Wednesday September 17, Consistory, 6:30 pm Wednesday September 24, Planning Comm., 6:30 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.

# Sat., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Church Clean-Up Day, 10:00am

We are having another church cleanup day, and this will be a very important one where everyone's help is needed. We will be cleaning out and organizing the old kitchen, and the library area downstairs. We will also be cleaning up and taking care of all the items left over from the garage sale. We expect to be working until at least 2pm, but any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. The church will provide lunch, and if people with trucks could bring them, we will be taking a few loads to Goodwill as well.