



OCTOBER 19, 2025 10:30 A.M.
NINETEENTH 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

INTROIT *Even Now, Lord*

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* No. 462

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: Gretchen Weiler

Today's altar flowers are given by Linda Raczy, in memory of her father
and Sr. Norma.

Sat., Oct. 25th; **Congregational Pumpkin Carving, 2:00 pm**
All kids and adults, let it be known that we will again be having our annual grand pumpkin carving event on Saturday October 25th at 2:00 PM here at the church. Please bring a pumpkin to carve, whatever carving instruments you feel you need. We will likely have apple cider and other snacks, feel free to bring those as well. All are invited.

- 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.

October 26, 2025
Scripture: Joel 2:23-32 and Luke 18:9-14
Fellowship Meal: TBD
Lay Reader: Karen Barger

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Some of us wonder what this faith is all about,
People: And come hoping to learn things useful and heart-full.
Leader: Some of us are confident in “what we have learned and what we have believed.”
People: And come longing to share our heart-full knowledge.
Leader: We have all come to learn from each other and from the words of scripture
All: For this purpose, we gather, O Holy One.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: You offer us covenant and write your word on our hearts. Together we are the body of Christ, and each one of us has the responsibility, the desire, to respond to you in word and deed and love. Yet, although you are beside us, within us, above us, all around us we still manage to ignore you. We are satisfied to receive your gifts but when it comes to passing on your abundance and saying where we got it, we hesitate. We are happy to say an occasional prayer to you who are always with us, but when it comes to actually spending time with you, we are already scheduled up! Help us to be your people as you are our God—always and forever.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The God of Covenant, who names each of us as one of the chosen people, continues to supply our needs and be our constant companion. Though we struggle, in the words of Luke, “to pray always,” we need not lose heart. The Holy One will not abandon: the Beloved is our grace, the healer of our lives. Though we sometimes grow weary, take heart, for our God is with us always to forgive us and remember our sin no more, to grant justice and to offer love.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* No. 380
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *Let the Beauty of the Lord*

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

ANTHEM *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

LESSONS Genesis 32:22-31 OT pg. 38
Luke 18:1-8 NT pg. 109

SERMON "Struggle"

CLOSING HYMN *Higher Ground* No. 399

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October Meetings:

Wednesday October 22, Consistory, 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.

Today; **Dedication of Memorial Garden, 11:45am**

In 2024 the consistory approved creating a memorial garden on the right side of the church in honor of Robert Tobias. We have been putting together a few stones to add to the garden and a plaque to dedicate the site. We are now ready to open the garden with a dedication service today directly following the worship service. Going forward, if church members would like to add small stones to the garden, they can speak with Pastor Brian for details.

Tue., Oct. 21st; **Book Study: Book of Revelation, 6:30pm**

We will continue our new book study on Tuesday nights at 6:30PM through Oct 28th. This is a Bible study on the book of Revelation. We are using a study guide as well, that is "Revelation & the End of All Things" by Craig R. Koester. Oct 21st – Rev 15-19, SG Ch 6; Oct 28th – Rev 19-22, SG Ch 7

Fri., Oct. 24th; **Beavercreek HS Football Outing, 6:00pm**

The church will be gathering to go to the final Beavercreek HS football game of the regular season. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00pm and caravan over, leaving the church at 6:15pm.