



MAY 3, 2026 10:30 A.M.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(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* *Morning Has Broken* No. 60

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

*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, Ellie 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: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are given by the Severtson Family.

Sun., May 24th; **Memorial Day Observance & Pentecost**

On Sunday May 24th we will have our annual observance of those members, friends, and family who have passed away in the last year. If you have any names that you want to add to our list, please give them to Pastor Brian. It will also be Pentecost, so please wear red to celebrate.

Sun., May 24th; **Strengthen the Church Offering**

We will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering on May 24th. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination.

- 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.

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Scripture: Acts: 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21

Lay Reader: TBD

Fellowship Lunch: Mother's Day: No Lunch

[†]Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

People: **We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.**

Leader: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the light. If you know me, you know God.

People: **We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.**

Leader: Jesus said, ask me for anything, and I will do it.

People: **Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.**

Leader: Jesus said, believe in me, and "Follow me."

All: **Help us to worship you fully believing and following – now and always!**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth. You fill us with strength and hope, yet we find it is often not enough. We pray both for great faith and for easy lives, but we know these things seldom exist together. We pray only to avoid the time of trial when we need also to pray for strength and confidence to face the challenges that come with faithfulness. Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust. Make us strong like Stephen, so that we may rejoice in your unending grace even in the times of deepest suffering. In Christ we pray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled, but share instead in Stephen's vision of the heavens opened and Christ standing at the right hand of God. This glorious vision of hope is for all of us, for we are forgiven of all that separates us from the Holy One.

All: **Alleluia and Amen!**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Amazing Grace* No. 202
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 Acts 7:55-60 NT pg. 168
 John 14:1-14 NT pg. 145

SERMON "Believe"

COMMUNION

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:

May Meetings:

May 20th, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm
May 27th, Consistory, 6:30 pm

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;

Spring Congregational Photo, 11:30 am

We wanted to take a new congregational photo for the church directory and we are asking people to please come on Sunday May 3rd if you can, to be in the photo. We will take the photo on the front steps of the church immediately after the church service.

Tue., May. 5th;

Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm

On Tuesday, May 5th, we will be completing our 12-week Bible study on the Gospel according to Mark. We are using a companion study guide that is "Gospel of Mark: A Commentary" by Fancis J. Moloney SDB.

Thur., May. 7th;

Marion's Lunch Group, 12:30 pm

On Thursday, May 7th, this first Thursday Marion's lunch group will be meeting at the Marion's in Beavercreek at 12:30pm. All are invited.

Sun., May 10th;

Mother's Day

Mother's past and present, will be honored with a carnation.