



MAY 17, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTH 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

INTROIT *This Is the Day* No. 590

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 1

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, 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: Donna Parker

Fellowship Meal: Matt, Megan, and Donna Parker

Today's altar flowers are given by Patti King & Family, in memory of
Rev. Greg King.

Sun., June 7th; **Luau Sunday**

On Sunday June 7th we will be having our luau Sunday. We will invite folks to wear Hawaiian shirts to church and give out leis. Afterwards we are going to have City BBQ pork and chicken provided as the main dish and we are asking people to bring side dishes and desserts to go with our theme and the main dish. The food will be located downstairs, but we are encouraging people to use the shelter if the weather is nice.

- 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.

May 24, 2026

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 and 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Lay Reader: TBD

Fellowship Lunch: TBD

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

People: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

Leader: God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.

People: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.

Leader: God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

People: Sing praise to God, Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

All: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give strength to your people. Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means for us. Through our stories we can convey hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil. Therefore, let us "clothe ourselves in humility," sharing the Good News of Christ, that we "may all be one." In this God is well pleased.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 379
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Prayer Response *Let the Words of My Mouth* No. 618

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 *How Long Has It Been*

LESSONS Psalm 68:5-6 OT pg. 636
Acts 1:6-14 NT pg. 158
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 NT pg. 319

SERMON "He Said What?"
Guest Minister: Dean Sparks

CLOSING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* No. 4

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.

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.

Tue., June 2nd;

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, 6:30pm

Starting on Tuesday June 2nd we will be begin a 10-week Bible study on the Gospel according to Matthew. We will be using an optional companion study guide that is the "Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: Matthew" by Donald Senior published by Abingdon Press. Pastor Brian has a few copies of the book and it is available on Amazon if we run out. A full list of the reading schedule is available on the information table at the front of the church, next to the card table. This will be a hybrid book study that meets in-person every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, and also will be available at the same time via Zoom. We will be taking a break on July 14th for VBS. The Study Guide is optional, and not required.