



JUNE 14, 2026 10:30 A.M.
THIRD 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* *Rise Up, O Church of God* No. 293

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

*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: Charles Williams

Fellowship Meal: Kristine Petrick & Mindy Severtson

Today's altar flowers are given by Pat Ferguson.

Sun., June 28th; **Congregational Meeting**, 12:30pm

As many of you know we had significant gutter damage during this past winter. We will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday June 28th at 12:30pm in the sanctuary to discuss and vote on plans to address the issue moving forward.

- 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.

June 21, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21 and Matthew 10:24-39

Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Lunch: No Fellowship Lunch – Father’s Day

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: **Strangers visit Abraham and Sarah, and they welcome them with a feast! How wonderful! Strangers promise Sarah and Abraham a child in their old age! Too wonderful! Strangers leave Abraham and Sarah to wait and ponder: “Is anything to wonderful for God?” Let us worship our Wonder-full God! Amen.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **Like Sarah and Abraham, we may be discouraged, tired of waiting for a future that seems impossible. Is anything too wonderful for God? Oh God, you call us to seek you in all times and places, and work with courage to prepare the way for your Kingdom, but our resolve too often fails and we give up too soon. Holy One, Have mercy. Oh God, you call us to offer peace to friends and strangers to prepare the way your Kingdom, but we fail to cultivate the spirit of peace in our own lives. Christ, have mercy. Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your Kingdom, but anxious doubt often burdens us and blocks our witness to your good news. Holy One, have mercy. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Sarah laughed at first, doubting God’s promise; Sarah laughed at last, delighted at God’s promise fulfilled. May we laugh in hope and delight in pondering, how wonderful God is. In Christ, our sins are forgiven!

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *He Leadeth Me* No. 461
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 Genesis 18:1-15 OT pg. 17
 Romans 5:1-8 NT pg. 206

SERMON "Laugh"

CLOSING HYMN* *O Worship the King* No. 10

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:

June Meetings:

June 17th, Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm

June 24th, 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.

Ongoing; **Bring in Garage Sale Items**

We know that many of you have been holding on to items for the church garage sale. Please feel free to bring those items to the church and place them in the basement. If you have questions, please speak with Melissa or Jeannette.

Tue., June 16th; **Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, 6:30pm**

We are continuing a 10-week Bible study on the Gospel according to Matthew. We are 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 is 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.