



JULY 12, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTH 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* *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 64

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: Pat Ferguson

Today's altar flowers are given by Ruth Tobias.

Tue., July 21st; **Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, 6:30pm**

We are continuing our Bible study on the Gospel according to Matthew. 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.

- 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.

July 19, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Lunch: Gretchen Weiler

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: God visits the earth and waters it,
People: greatly enriching the earth.
Leader: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,
People: and blessing the earth.
Leader: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,
All: let us shout and sing together for joy!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we too often take for granted your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us. When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: the Spirit of God dwells in you. You are forgiven and free. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* No. 259
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 *Shenandoah* Donna Larson, piano
Karen Barger, viola

LESSONS Isaiah 55:10-13 OT pg. 803
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NT pg. 18

SERMON "Gardening"

CLOSING HYMN* *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 252

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:

July Meetings:

Today, VBS Training, 12:15 pm

July 22nd, Consistory, 6:30 pm

Ongoing; **Gutter & Roof Fundraising**

The congregation met recently and voted to approve an \$8,500 plan to upgrade our roof and gutters to handle snow and ice now that we have a metal roof. This should help to prevent costly repairs we have had to make recently. For those that wish to donate to this, please write "Gutters" on any donation made.

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**

Feel free to bring garage sale items to the church and place them in the basement. If you have questions, please speak with Melissa or Jeannette.

Tue., July 14th; **VBS, 5:00pm**

We will be having a 3-day evening VBS on July 14th-16th. There will be an optional dinner downstairs each evening from 5pm until 5:45pm, and then the VBS will start at 5:45pm and last until 8pm. For more information, please talk to Jeannette or Pastor Brian.

Sat., July 18th; **Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night, 4:30pm**

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Saturday July 18th, starting at 4:30pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbequing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Feel free to bring whatever outside games you would like, and any side dishes to go with the meal. In the event of rain, we will meet inside and play board games.