



JULY 19, 2026 10:30 A.M.
EIGHTH 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* *Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty* No. 61

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: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Meal: Gretchen Weiler

Today's altar flowers are given by Ed & Jenny Rauch in honor of their 61st anniversary and Ed's birthday.

- 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 26, 2026

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Matthew 13:1-33, 44-52

Lay Reader: Matthew Parker

Fellowship Lunch: Matthew Parker

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.
People: Surely God is in this place!
 Leader: We come to open ourselves to God's love.
People: Surely God is in this place!
 Leader: We come to see God's presence in our lives.
People: Surely God is in this place!
 Leader: We come to see God in this community of seekers.
People: Surely God is in this place!
 Leader: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.
All: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Forgive us. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: You are not God's tenants or employees; you are God's precious family. In the words of the apostle Paul, "You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption." As God's children, in God's embrace, you are forgiven and free.
All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Just As I Am* No. 342
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 *Make Me a Blessing* Donna Larson, piano
Ruth Tobias, soprano
Bill Barger, bass

LESSONS Genesis 28:10-19 OT pg. 31
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT pg. 19

SERMON "Planting"

CLOSING HYMN* *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer* No. 16

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:

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 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.