



JULY 26, 2026 10:30 A.M.
NINTH 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* *O For a Thousand Tongues* No. 76

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: Matthew Parker

Fellowship Meal: Matthew Parker

Today's altar flowers are given by Linda Racz.

- 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.

August 2, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31 and Matthew 14:13-21

Lay Reader: Patti King

Fellowship Lunch: 1st Sunday Carry-In

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

Leader: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

People: **In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

Leader: And so, we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

All: **We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **Covenanting God, we seek you in our time. You made promises long ago. You offered your chosen ones blessings. You did wonderful things. We remember those old stories of promise. But, we often doubt your works now amid the poverty, the violence and prejudice of our time. We confess that we don't see with your eyes. We don't see the people that are hidden from our view. Covenanting God, we seek you in their eyes. Help us to see as you see. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: No matter how much we doubt, you are here whenever we seek you. You are here because you promised to be known to us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go* No. 374
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 *The Old Rugged Cross* Donna Larson, piano
Vocals, Et al.

LESSONS 1 Kings 3:5-12 OT pg. 372
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 NT pg. 18

SERMON "The Right Thing"

CLOSING HYMN* *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*
No. 344

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:

None

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 28th;

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.

Aug. 13th – 15th;

Garage Sale

Make sure to place it on your calendars. We will be having our garage sale again on August 13th through the 15th. Feel free to bring boxed items between now and the 12th of August. We will be setting up the sale next Sunday on the 2nd of August and taking it down on the 16th of August. There are volunteer signup sheets under the clock at the back of the sanctuary.