



AUGUST 2, 2026 10:30 A.M.
TENTH 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* *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* No. 410

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.
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Lay Reader: Patti King

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by Pat & Doug Goudy.

- 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 9, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Matthew 14:22-33

Lay Reader: Ruth Tobias

Fellowship Lunch: No Lunch

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: The day breaks
People: **And God does not let us go.**
 Leader: The hour calls
People: **And God does not let us go.**
 Leader: The evening falls
People: **And God holds us fast.**
 Leader: Let us turn to God in worship
All: **God, who never turns from us.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **God of all mercy: I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sins in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored stand between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you and I shall follow you giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, all is forgiven.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Break Thou the Bread of Life* No. 274
 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 32:22-31	OT pg. 38
	Matthew 14:13-21	NT pg. 21

SERMON “Wrestling”

COMMUNION

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:

August Meetings:

August 5th, Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm

August 12th, Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm

August 26th, 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., Aug. 4th; **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.