



AUGUST 16, 2026 10:30 A.M.
TWELFTH 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* *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 59

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.

Lay Reader: Donna Banks

Fellowship Meal: Patti King

Today's altar flowers are given by Dean and Mindy Severtson, in honor of Dean'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.

August 23, 2026

Scripture: TBD

Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Lunch: Karen, Bill and Nancy

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like a summer rain, which restores the parched earth.

Leader: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

All: God meets us here. We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence, Lord have mercy. When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others, Christ have mercy. In all that we have done and all that we have left undone, Lord have mercy. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need. Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Joys and Concerns No. 429

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 Swan* Donna Larsen, piano
Karen Barger, viola

LESSONS Genesis 45:1-15 OT pg. 54
Matthew 15:10-28 NT pg. 22

SERMON "Blessings"

CLOSING HYMN* *O Come, Let Us Adore Him* No. 82

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 26th, Consistory, 6:30 pm

Ongoing;

Crayons to Classrooms

From now through August 23rd, we are collecting new school supplies for children in disadvantaged schools through the local Crayons to Classrooms program. You can bring any new school supplies from now through August 24rd, and place them in the box at the front of the church.

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.

Today;

Garage Sale Cleanup

Today we will be boxing up what is left from the garage sale. Please stay after our lunch to help with this. For all items not being saved for next year, feel free to pay whatever you want for them, including taking them for free.

- 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.