



AUGUST 23, 2026 10:30 A.M.
THIRTEENTH 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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* No. 97

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: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Meal: Karen, Bill & Nancy

Today's altar flowers are given by Karen Barger in honor of Bill Barger'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 30, 2026
 Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15 and Romans 12:9-21
 Lay Reader: Marian Clark
 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: Holy One, our contractions are minutes apart.
People: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**
 Leader: You coach us through pain as the pangs of birth make way for something new.
People: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**
 Leader: "Push!" you say as your new creation appears.
People: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**
 Leader: Holy One, fulfill this purpose in us. Labor with our hands to create new life.
All: **You stretch out your hand; You deliver.**

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: **God of Justice, Might, and Love, You who are close to those who suffer and mourn and grieve. We confess that we have sometimes let the suffering in our lives eclipse our view of Your glory and our sense of Your joy. We also confess that sometimes we have let our personal suffering numb us to the suffering of others in the world. We forget that You, too, grieve for those whom You have made in Your image: the immigrant, the refugee, the sojourner, the orphan, the widow, the poor, and the oppressed. God, just as You join us in our suffering, we join You in Your suffering for Your world and Your people, for this is not Your will or Your heart. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *I Need Thee Every Hour* No. 428
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

SERVICE OF PEACE

MUSIC *Imagine* Donna Larson

LESSONS Psalm 85:8-13 OT pg. 651
 Psalm 46:6-10 OT pg. 624
 John 20:19-23 NT pg. 154

READING United Church of Christ Statement on Peace

MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* Karen Barger

READINGS Prayer of St. Frances; UCC Prayer of Peace

MUSIC *Amazing Grace* Mindy Severtson

READINGS Children's Prayer; UCC Prayer of Peace

ANointing of Peace Prayer Cloths

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; **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.

- 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.