



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SIXTEENTH 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

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 92

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: Carolyn Conner

Fellowship Meal: Pat & Doug Goudy

Today's altar flowers are given by Pastor Brian in honor of the birthday of his mother, Karen Barger.

- 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.

September 20, 2026

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-14 and Matthew 20:1-16

Lay Reader: Patti King

Fellowship Lunch: Shirley & Alan Nelson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

People: The people God loves have been gathered in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some have wandered, finding no safety, hungry and thirsty.

People: In their trouble they cried out to God who delivered them from distress.

Leader: Let us thank our God for steadfast love for all humankind.

All: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things. O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: O God, like a father who teaches his child to walk, like a mother who feeds and heals her children, you desire to nourish all people and rescue them from injustice. You call us into this work of justice-making and care. Yet we follow other paths; we make choices that lead to violence and destruction. Meet us here and teach us how to put aside all temptations that lead to violence, from the smallest to the most global. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The apostle Paul calls us to seek the things that are above and find new life revealed in Christ. As we have been called by Christ, we put away the things that lead to death and Christ's life is revealed in us. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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)

Choral Response *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*
No. 614

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

ANTHEM *Faithful to Me*

LESSONS Exodus 14:19-31 OT pg. 79
Matthew 18:21-35 NT pg. 27

SERMON "Stubborn"

CLOSING HYMN* *Come All Christians, Be Committed* No. 455

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:

September Meetings:

September 16th, Church Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm

September 23rd, Consistory, 6:30 pm

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;

Garage Sale Cleanup

There is still some furniture upstairs, and some boxes and items downstairs just past the fellowship table area. Unless something has sold written on it, you are free to take it home. We are also asking that if people please take an item or box with you to donate to your charity of choice.

Tue., Sept. 15th; **Gospel of John Bible Study, 6:30pm**

Starting on Tuesday September 15th we will be begin a 10-week Bible study on the Gospel according to John. We are using an optional study guide that is the "Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: John". Pastor Brian has a few copies of the book and it is available on Amazon if we run out. A full list of the reading schedule is available on the information table at the front of the church, next to the card table. This will be 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.