



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SEVENTEENTH 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* *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* No. 9

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: Alan & Shirley Nelson

Today's altar flowers are given by Ruth Tobias, in memory of Bob's birthday, 9/18.

- 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.

September 27, 2026

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Matthew 21:33-47

Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Lunch: Donna Parker

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.

People: Our God is gracious.

Leader: Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.

People: Our God is merciful.

Leader: Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.

People: Our God is slow to anger.

Leader: Our temples flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.

All: Our God abounds in steadfast love.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth prophets to proclaim your word. We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive and God's promise of restoration is for all people. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

