



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 10:30 A.M.
EIGHTEENTH 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* *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer* No. 16

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: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Meal: Donna Parker

Today's altar flowers are given by the Nelsons, for Alan's birthday.

Sun., Oct 25th;

Neighbors in Need Offering

On Sunday October 25th, we will take up our denominations Neighbors in Need offering, which is one of the four denominational offerings we support each year.

Fri., Oct. 30th;

Congregational Pumpkin Carving, 6:00 pm

All kids and adults, let it be known that we will again be having our annual grand pumpkin carving event on Friday October 27th at 6:00 PM here at the church. Please bring a pumpkin to carve, whatever carving instruments you feel you need. We will likely have apple cider and other snacks, feel free to bring those as well. All are invited.

- 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.

October 4, 2026

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

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Lunch: First Sunday Carry-In

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.
People: Our God is among us.
Leader: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.
People: Our God moves among us.
Leader: Watch and listen, for God is here.
All: Our God dwells among us.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Do we seek to exalt ourselves – to be lifted above others? Does our sense of success depend on someone else's failure? Does our love of God entirely guide our relationships? Do we twist service into convenience and leisure, ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant? Disturb the habits of our sin, O God. Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin's embrace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive in us! God lives – but sin is dead. And our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.
All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* No. 395
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 *Just As I Am, I Come*

LESSONS Exodus 17:1-7 OT pg. 83
Matthew 21:23-32 NT pg. 30

SERMON "Expectations"

CLOSING HYMN* *I'll Fly Away* No. 554

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:

None

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. 29th;

Gospel of John Bible Study, 6:30pm

We are continuing our 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. 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.

Fri., Oct. 9th;

Beavercreek HS Football Outing, 6:00pm

We will be having a church outing to watch a Beavercreek High School football game on Friday October 9th. We will be meeting at the church parking lot at 6pm and then carpooling over to the high school. Please come to enjoy the fellowship and support several young people in the church that play on the team.

Sat., Oct. 17th;

Chicken and Noodle Dinner, 11 am – 7 pm

We will be having our Fall Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday October 17th. The dinner will be open for most of the day from 11AM to 7PM, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$20. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it.