



OCTOBER 4, 2026 10:30 A.M.
NINETEENTH 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* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 1

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: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-In

Today's altar flowers are given by Doug & Janice Rice, for their 35th anniversary.

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.

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Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14 and Philippians 4:1-9

Lay Reader: Charlie Williams

Fellowship Lunch: Pastor Brian

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God
People: **May our worship reflect God's glory.**
Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
People: **May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**
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: **Gracious God, we too often focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common. Forgive us. Help us to remember we are siblings to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image. When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to your love and your call to love each other. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: As children of God, we are loved tenderly. God longs to bring us into God's embrace. By the life and love of Jesus, you are forgiven and free.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* No. 253
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 *Shelter Me*

LESSONS Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 OT pg. 87
Matthew 21:33-46 NT pg. 31

SERMON "Stoned"

COMMUNION

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:

October Meetings:

October 21st, Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm

October 28th, 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.

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

We are continuing our 10-week Bible study on the Gospel according to John. This is 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.

Wed., Oct. 14th; **BUCC Ladies Night, 6:00pm**

Ladies of Beaver UCC, we will be having a ladies night event at the church in the fellowship hall on Wednesday October 14th at 6pm. We will be fellowshiping and having a painting class, led by Megan, where we paint a fall picture. There is no cost, and feel free to invite your friends as well. There is a signup sheet under the clock in the sanctuary. Please signup everyone who plans to attend, so we know how many supplies to get. Also, feel free to bring anything to eat or drink or share with others. If you have any questions, please talk to Gretchen.

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.

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.