



OCTOBER 11, 2026 10:30 A.M.  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**(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\* *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* No. 87

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

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\*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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children depart to go to Sunday School after the Children's Moment. Children will remain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Sunday School classrooms until an adult family member comes to get them.

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Lay Reader: Charlie Williams

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by Doug & Janice Rice, for Mom's and Shelby's birthdays.

- 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 18, 2026

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Lunch: TBD

<sup>†</sup>Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Gather at the mountain of God's holiness.

**People: Today is a day to celebrate God.**

Leader: Gather aware of those you left behind to be here.

**People: Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God's children.**

Leader: Gather to share God's presence.

**All: Today is a day of transformation for us and for God's world.**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition, Lord, have mercy. When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others, Christ, have mercy. When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near, Lord, have mercy.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Abide with Me* No. 419

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. 617

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

LESSONS Exodus 32:1-14 OT pg. 100  
Philippians 4:1-9 NT pg. 269

SERMON "False Idols"

CLOSING HYMN\* *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* No. 21

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 21<sup>st</sup>, Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. 13<sup>th</sup>; **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.

Wed., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>; **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. If you have any questions, please talk to Gretchen.

Sat., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>; **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 25<sup>th</sup>; **Neighbors in Need Offering**

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

Fri., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>; **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. All are invited.