



OCTOBER 18, 2026 10:30 A.M.
TWENTY-FIRST 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* *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 108

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: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Meal: Patti King

Today's altar flowers are given by Marty Smith, for granddaughter Anastasia's birthday.

- 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 25, 2026

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Matthew 22:34-46

Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Lunch: The Severtsons

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: How shall we know that we have found favor in your sight, O God?

People: How do children know that they are created in your image?

Leader: How do we raise up youth to always know your presence goes with them?

People: How do we find this faith within ourselves, O God?

Leader: With Moses, we implore, "Show us your glory."

All: With the children, we seek your graciousness now.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Growing God, we confess that we cling to the comfortable, fall back on the familiar, and allow apathy to dull our hearts and our commitment. We shrug our shoulders and say that poverty is inevitable even as it deprives children of the fullness of life that you intend and they deserve. Forgive us, Growing God, for callousness instead of compassion, for discouragement instead of determination, for selfishness instead of service. Allow us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight. Mature with us so that just love may be realized for all your children. Answer these prayers we pray in the name of your Beloved Child, the hope of the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: God grows with you. Look upon her face, as she speaks sweetly to you, saying, I will do the very thing you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* No. 463
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 *My God is Able*

LESSONS Exodus 33:12-23 OT pg. 102
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 NT pg. 275

SERMON "Presence"

CLOSING HYMN* *To God Be the Glory* No. 66

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. 20th; **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.

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. 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.