OCTOBER 25, 2026 10:30 A.M.
TWENTY-SECOND 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* *O Worship the King* No. 10

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

BAPTISM (See Insert)

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: Mindy Severtson
Fellowship Meal: The Severtsons
Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Carolyn Conner in honor of Bill's birthday on the 26th.

November 1, 2026
Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17 and Matthew 23:1-12
Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson
Fellowship Lunch: 1st 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: You, O God, know our hearts.
People: Guide our hearts, O God.
Leader: You, O God, see our ways.
People: Shape our ways, O God.
Leader: You, O God, call our spirits.
All: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Happy are those who turn away from the counsel of the wicked. But oh, that counsel can be so seductive, it draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities, obstructs our capacity to love. But we seek no obstructions, we reject wicked counsel. We embrace God's embrace. For whatever ways we don't, we confess. In whichever ways we sin, we repent. Hear our prayers, O God, as, before you, we seek wholeness.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.
All: Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* No. 94
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	*Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*	
LESSONS	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	OT pg. 231
	Matthew 22:34-46	NT pg. 33
SERMON	"Loophole"	
CLOSING HYMN*	*God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*	No. 268

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

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>

October Meetings:

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. 27th; **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, and also will be available at the same time via Zoom. This week we will be meeting in the sanctuary instead of the Fellowship Hall.

Today; **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.

- 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.