



FEBRUARY 22, 2026 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Come to Us

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* No. 276

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: Charlie Williams

Fellowship Meal: Mindy, Kristine and Tom

Today's altar flowers are given by Ashley Severtson.

- 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.

March 1, 2026

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

Fellowship Meal: 1st Sunday Carry-in

Lay Reader: Patti King

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

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

People: More food, more money, more power, more life!

Leader: "What could it hurt?" we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

People: More suffering, more hunger, more fear, more anger.

Leader: So, we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of "more":

People: And to celebrate that we do not need "more" when we have everything in Christ.

Leader: Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God's Spirit, which has all we need to live fully.

All: Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the living presence of God. So, it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Be Still My Soul* No. 347
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

LESSONS Psalm 32 OT pg. 612
Matthew 4:1-11 NT pg. 4

SERMON "Honesty"

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:

February Meetings:

Wednesday February 25, 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., Feb. 24th;

Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm

On Tuesday, February 24th, we will be continuing our 12-week Bible study on the Gospel according to Mark. We are using a companion study guide that is "Gospel of Mark: A Commentary" by Fancis J. Moloney SDB. The book is available on Amazon if you have not gotten a copy yet. This will be the start of a gospel Bible study series in which we will be going through each of the four gospels over the next 16 months.

Sat., Mar. 7th;

Chicken & Noodle Dinner, 11:00am - 7:00pm

We will be having our spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 7th. The dinner will be open for most of the day 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. There is a signup sheet for people to help with the dinner, and we are also asking people to donate sodas, waters, and deserts if they can. There is a signup sheet with specific items to donate so we get the right number of things. Thank you so much!

- 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.