



MARCH 1, 2026 10:30 A.M.
SECOND 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* *Lift High the Cross* No. 304

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: 1st Sunday carry-in

Today's altar flowers are given by Marty Smith, in honor of Megan's birthday.

- 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.

March 8, 2026

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42

Lay Reader: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Lunch: Karen Barger and Nancy Pack

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

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: We are in the presence of God. Leave the places you have known and walk with God. Leave behind thoughts of limitation and imagine.

People: But we are secure where we are.

Leader: But new ways of being in this world are possible for each of us.

People: Can't God bless us where we are, and as we are?

Leader: If you trust enough to move from the places you have known, and question the systems around us, you will be blessed. God is our light and our salvation.

People: Lord, we open ourselves to you. Direct our paths and open our hearts and minds.

Leader: In this place, in every place, for this time, for all time.

All: Let us worship our God.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better. We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being. Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible. Midwife our spirits, that we may be born into a new state of consciousness; that we may be born from above.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and that is good news.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* No. 178
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 *I Am the Bread of Life*

LESSONS Genesis 12:1-4 OT pg. 12
John 3:1-17 NT pg. 126

SERMON "Guide"

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:

March Meetings:

Wed. March 18, Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Wed. March 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., Mar. 3rd;

Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm

On Tuesday, March 3rd, 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!