



MARCH 8, 2026 10:30 A.M.  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 *Come to Us*

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN\* *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 292

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

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>†</sup>

Leader: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

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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: Pat Ferguson

Fellowship Meal: No Meal Today

Today's altar flowers are given by Ruth Tobias, in honor of birthdays of brother George Lackey and son Eric.

- 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 15, 2026

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and John 9:1-41

Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Lunch: Patti King

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

**People:** Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Leader: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

**People:** The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the HOLY ONE, our Maker!

**All:** Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All:** God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused, show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord. For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us, direct us in the way of peace, we pray. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us, forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn      *Blessed Assurance*      No. 345  
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

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESSONS      Exodus 17:1-7      OT pg. 83  
                  John 4:5-42      NT pg. 128

SERMON      "In Common"

CLOSING HYMN\*      *Amazing Grace*      No. 202

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. 10<sup>th</sup>;      **Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm**

On Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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. 21<sup>st</sup>;      **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!