



MARCH 15, 2026 10:30 A.M.

FOURTH 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*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

No. 183

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.
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Lay Reader: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: Patti King

Today's altar flowers are given by Karen & Bill Barger, in memory of Elinora and Elmer Smith.

Sat., Mar. 21st; **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.
- 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 22, 2026

Scripture: Psalm 130 and John 11:1-45

Lay Reader: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Lunch: Alan & Shirley Nelson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.
People: It is you, Lord who makes me lie down in green pastures;

Leader: It is you who leads me beside the still waters.
People: You restore my soul and guide me in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
All: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, O Lord, forever.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we "see", we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Holy Jesus, you do lighten our hearts. You do come to us where the night is deepest. You, Holy Shepherd, keep us beside the still waters and restore our souls, guiding us through all shadows to a higher plane. All praise and glory be to your precious name.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 323
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 *Were You There* Bell Choir

LESSONS 1 Samuel 16:1-13 OT pg. 313
John 9:1-41 NT pg. 137

SERMON "Expectations"

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.

Ongoing;

Easter Breakfast Volunteers

Easter morning breakfast is from 9am to 10:15am on Easter Sunday. We need volunteers to help both bring food, and help prepare it. There is a signup sheet on the card table.

Ongoing;

Easter Eggs

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on April 5th after the 10:30am Easter service. The event will be held outside if the weather permits, and inside if there is bad weather. Please feel free to bring plastic eggs with treats in them in the weeks leading up to Easter. They can be left on the island in the kitchen downstairs.

Today;

OGHS Offering

We will be taking up a special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" this Sunday. This is one of the 4 special offerings we take up for our denomination each year. This offering will go to helping those in need around the world, including programs in 138 different countries.

Tue., Mar. 17th;

Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm

On Tuesday, March 17th, 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.