



MARCH 22, 2026 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH 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\* *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 185

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

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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: Shirley Nelson

Fellowship Meal: Ed & Jenny Rauch

Today's altar flowers are given by the Rauls family, in honor of Mo's birthday.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Maundy Thursday Service; 6:00 pm**

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Worship Service with communion; 10:30 am**

**Easter Egg Hunt; 11:45 am**

- 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 29, 2026

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Matthew 21:1-11

Lay Reader: Carolyn Conner

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<sup>†</sup>

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

**People: O God, you know!**

Leader: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

**People: O God, you know!**

Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

**People: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!**

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

**All: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!**

## INVOCATION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>†</sup>

**All: Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one", not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>†</sup>

Leader: Leader: "Come out," Jesus calls, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 177  
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 *O God, How We Have Wondered*

LESSONS Psalm 130 OT pg. 684  
John 11:1-45 NT pg. 140

SERMON "Giving Up"

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 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.

Tue., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>; **Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm**

On Tuesday, March 24<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.