



MARCH 29, 2026 10:30 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY

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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\*

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

No. 173

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: Carolyn Conner

Fellowship Meal: Alan and Shirley Nelson

Today's altar flowers are given by Doug & Janice Rice, in memory of Roger Saddler.

## 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.

April 5, 2026

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Lay Reader: TBD

Fellowship Lunch: Easter Breakfast at 9:00am

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: We gather together in this place. Raising our branches in joy!

**People: Joining all who wish to see Jesus eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.**

Leader: We gather together in this place. Raising our branches in hope!

**People: Joining all who wish to hear Jesus longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.**

Leader: We gather together in this place. Laying down our branches in fear.

**People: Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair.**

Leader: We gather together in this place. Waving branches of prayer.

**All: Walking toward the Cross, and the empty tomb.**

### INVOCATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

**All: Loving God, we confess that the streets of our lives are often crowded with a parade mood filling the air masking a callous indifference and lukewarm faith. Save us from thin hopes and small dreams.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Where and when we fail, God is there to make all things new. Where and when we reach out with trembling hands and shaky hearts, God holds us close and forgives all things. Go in the knowledge that you are forgiven and cherished.

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

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Break Thou the Bread of Life* No. 274  
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 *A Palm Sunday Calypso*

LESSONS Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 OT. pg. 675  
Matthew 21:1-11 NT. pg. 30

SERMON "Who is he?"

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:**

**None**

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

On Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</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.