



APRIL 5, 2026 10:30 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

(Optional) Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

The service can also be listened to on any radio on church property.

PRELUDE

INTROIT *This Is the Day*

CARRYING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 217

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[†]

Leader: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

*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: Tom Rauls

Fellowship Meal: Easter Breakfast, No Lunch After Service
Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Carolyn Conner.

Sun., May 3rd;

Spring Congregational Photo, 11:30 am

We wanted to take a new congregational photo for the church directory and we are asking people to please come on Sunday May 3rd if you can, to be in the photo. We will take the photo on the front steps of the church immediately after the church service.

- 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 12, 2026

Scripture: Acts 2:14, 22-32 and John 20:19-31

Lay Reader: Patti King

Fellowship Lunch: TBD

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

People: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us in all the places of our lives!

Leader: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

People: This story of "Alleluia!" means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life!

Leader: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

People: Let this same Spirit fill us so that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives!

Leader: We join our hearts in song and sing "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" for Christ is living and so are we!

All: Alleluia indeed!

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death and fear. Yet the smooth stones of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death, but with the word, "Alleluia!" So, on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with "fear and great joy" so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and instead raise up the scepter of joy – Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

All: Alleluia and Amen!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* No. 228
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 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

LESSONS Acts 10:34-43 OT pg. 173
John 20:1-18 NT pg. 134

SERMON "Where is Jesus?"

COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN* *Worship Christ the Risen King* No. 225

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:

April Meetings:

April 8, Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm

April 15, Planning Committee via Zoom, 6:30 pm

April 22, Consistory, 6:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Easter Breakfast; 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Worship Service with communion; 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt; 11:45 am

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., Apr. 7th; **Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm**

On Tuesday, March 7th, 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.

Sun., Apr. 12th; **Question Sunday, 10:30 am**

Sunday April 12th will be a Question Sunday. Church members will be asked to write down questions before the service and Pastor Brian will answer them during his sermon time.

Sat., Apr. 18th; **Church Work Day, 10:00 am**

We will have a church work day on Saturday April 18th. We will be going through the downstairs closets and cleaning them out and organizing them. We also be do some outdoor projects as well. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am and work until we decide to stop. Lunch will be provided by the church. Any help that you can provide is very much appreciated.