



APRIL 26, 2026 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(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*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

No. 562

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.

Lay Reader: Mindy Severtson

Fellowship Meal: Pastor Brian

Today's altar flowers are given by Donna Banks, in memory of daughter Marie Ballard.

- 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.

May 3, 2026

Scripture: Acts 7:55-60 and John 14:1-14

Lay Reader: TBD

Fellowship Lunch: 1st Sunday Carry-in

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

CALL TO WORSHIP†

Leader: Let us pray these familiar words, recognizing in the Risen Christ our Good Shepherd:

All: Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want. You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters. You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us. Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over! Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: O merciful Savior, help us to a greater common awareness of your deep mystery and infinite presence. Rouse our awareness of you, God. Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception. Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths. Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God. Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace. Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: Holy, Forgiving God, we are your sheep. You keep us awake and aware. Bless you and praise you for forgiving us when we are barely mindful enough to ask. Help us to enter by the door when we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. We hear your voice of pardon. Through Christ's grace we are forgiven this morning, and we go in.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Call to Prayer Hymn *Peace Like a River* No. 498
Joys and Concerns

All: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Choral Response *Let the Words of My Mouth*

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 *In this Very Room*

LESSONS Acts 2:42-47 NT pg. 160
John 10:1-10 NT pg. 139

SERMON "Together"

CLOSING HYMN* *Come, Christian, Join to Sing* No. 108

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

April 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.

Tue., Apr. 28th;

Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 6:30 pm

On Tuesday, April 28th, 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., 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.