



# Worship Celebration

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020 + 11 AM

*The **Day of Pentecost** is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season and remembers the birth of the church through the gift of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in Acts 2. It is the third of the three major festivals that give shape to our Christian year and lives, alongside Christmas and Easter, and represents the passing of the mantle from the incarnate Christ to the ever-present Spirit in and through the life of the church. Pentecost is a day of celebration for all that God has done and is doing in the church and in the world.*

## **Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Berea!**

*As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The UMC of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, **we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***

*Join us in worship, Sunday mornings at 11 am, on Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA](http://www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA)), or watch and share the video of our worship service later on our website at [www.umcb.org/sermons](http://www.umcb.org/sermons).*

*In preparation for worship, you are encouraged to light a candle as a reminder of God's presence.*

## **We Gather as God's Children**

**Prelude**

*We Pray to the Holy Spirit*

D. Buxtehude

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

*Spirit of Pentecost, blow open the doors of our shut up hearts.*

*Set our tongues free to proclaim your praise.*

*Bless our youth with visions and our elders with dreams.*

*Bestow our children with gifts of prophesy,*

*and renew the faith of your people throughout the world.*

*Blow into our lives, once more, and help us find the courage we need to become the people you call us to be. Amen.*

*O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.*

*Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free  
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.*

*Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,  
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.*

*Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,  
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;  
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,  
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.*

*So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!*

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## We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place, let us listen for the word of God among us.

**People:** *Our ears and hearts are open.*

### First Lesson—1 Corinthians 12.4-12 (CEB)

<sup>4</sup>There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are different ministries and the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. <sup>8</sup>A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. <sup>11</sup>All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

<sup>12</sup>Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### Second Lesson—Acts 2.1-21 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup> When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

<sup>5</sup>There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup>They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them?" <sup>8</sup>How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering

Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” <sup>12</sup> They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

<sup>14</sup> Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup> These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup> Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy.*

*Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *Even upon my servants, men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

<sup>21</sup> *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

## Children’s Message

## Sermon

## Prayers of the People

### Moment for Mission and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

*Some of us may be experiencing financial hardship or uncertainty during this season, but our generosity through the life of the church remains crucial as an expression of our discipleship and to ensuring that we can maintain our commitments to mission and ministry during this uncertain time. If you already give financially online ([www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate)) or by mailing a check to the church office, thank you! If you do not do so already, please consider giving through one of these methods now as we continue to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

## Hymn

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

***You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.***

***And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.***

***And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.***

***When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours, and You are mine.***

***Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide.***

***Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You’ve never failed and You won’t start now.***

***And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.***

***When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours, and You are mine.***

***Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,***

***let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.***

***Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander***

***and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.***

***I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.***

***When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours, and You are mine.***

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*In these extraordinary circumstances, you are invited this morning to have prepared Communion elements or a simple piece of bread ready to receive as we participate together in the holy mystery of Communion, even while we are physically apart. We will receive the elements at the same time, even though not in the same place, trusting that through the presence of the Holy Spirit, our sharing is sacred, holy, and sacramental as our spirits interact with God's and with one another's. If the Risen Christ really is presence in all times and places, then surely Christ really is present among us even now. There is no substitute for gathering in person; however, through God's grace, we still are held in communion with God and with one another.*

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Spirit of God, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning, you moved over the face of the waters.

***You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.***

When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

***Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your word.***

And so, with your people on earth, with all creation, and with all the communion of your saints,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, O God, ever creating and ever moving among your people,  
raising up the lowly, amplifying the voices of the marginalized,  
and through them, declaring your jubilee: release and restoration for all.

Holy are you, O God, embodied in Jesus, showing the way, teaching the truth,  
living the life of your Spirit in the face of ridicule, rejection, and execution,  
and rising to announce the triumph of your love.

***When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on this Day of Pentecost.***

On the night in which he gave himself fully for us, Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

***"This is my body, broken for you. Remember me."***

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup,  
again gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

***"This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. Remember me."***

We remember you, our Source and our End.

On the day you raised Jesus from the dead,  
he was recognized by the disciples in the breaking of bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
your church continues in the breaking of bread and the sharing of this cup.

***Jesus Christ, crucified, you call and claim us; risen, you have raised us;  
coming again, you make all things new.***

Even so, come now, Lord Jesus. ***Come now, Lord Jesus.***

Come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit. ***Come, Holy Spirit, come.***

Come upon these gifts of bread and wine. ***Make them be for us your body and blood.***

Make us what Jesus prayed we would be: ***one body, empowered by your love.***

One in service, one in witness, one in compassion, one in doing and speaking up for justice,  
and one, even now, in prayer, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

One with all who live in fear, with all who struggle with sickness or addiction,  
with all who are unjustly treated because of who they are: **Lord, have mercy.**

One with the earth and all creatures upon it,  
the riches in its depths, and the fragility of its air and water: **Lord, have mercy.**

One in praying for justice and peace among all peoples;  
for all who work to sustain our lives as teachers, healthcare workers, civil servants,  
and builders and maintainers of roads, homes, and sources of power: **Lord, have mercy.**

One with families, friends, and neighbors, near and far, like us and different from us,  
and with all who need your healing power: **Lord, have mercy.**

May this food and drink be holy and nourish us in holy conversation and communion  
this day and every day as on that day when we feast together with you in new creation.  
Now and ever, all glory to you, Holy Spirit, Holy Word, Holy Source and End  
of all that was and is and is to come. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

## Prayer following Communion

*Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
by which you nourish all your people and make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in mission and ministry to all the world.  
Send us now in the strength of your Holy Spirit and in communion with all your saints,  
that we might be living signs that your liberation now is here. Amen.*

## We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

### Hymn

*A Place at the Table*

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*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

***For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!***

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### **Benediction**

Go now to dream dreams of a new creation.

***We leave this time of worship to make God's vision a reality in this world.***

Go with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

***We will go in the Spirit of the Living God, who makes us one and makes us whole.***

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### **Postlude**

"Spring" from the *Four Seasons*

Antonio Vivaldi

***Our service of worship is ended.  
Our worship through service now begins.***

#### **Morning Prayer:**

Gracious God, we thank you for the peace of sleep  
and for keeping us safe throughout this night.  
Let this new day be a time of praise and joy  
as we go out to meet you  
in our sisters and brothers. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer:**

Merciful Lord, as night comes to this place,  
we thank you for the challenges  
and accomplishments of this day.  
Give our hearts and minds the comfort now  
to rest in your care,  
trusting that whatever tomorrow brings,  
your hand will be ready to catch us. Amen.

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### **Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests**

Please reach out to **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x101**) if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk or if you have a specific prayer request. Likewise, if you find yourself needing food or other supplies and unable to get them, please contact me, and we will do our best to care for you; we have a team of servants ready to respond as best we can. Know that none of us is alone even though we will not be gathering together in person.

### **Staff & Office Hours**

In accordance with the Governor's recommendations and for the protection of all, our staff is working from home whenever possible. If you contact the staff by email or phone message, please be assured they will respond as quickly as they are able, If your business requires a visit to the church building, please call in advance to ensure a staff member will be available.



## Care Leaders

While we are apart from one another physically, we remain connected through our common mission and through our mutual concern and care. As an expression of our connection, we now have a team of “care leaders” who are making phone calls throughout the course of the week to check in, be in conversation, and share prayer requests. If you have not heard from a “care leader” yet and would like to connect this way, or if you would like to serve as a “care leader,” contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



## Game Night

*June 3, 8 PM*

Join us on Zoom for game night on June 3 at 8 PM! We'll play some fun games over our video call - feel free to bring snacks that you won't have to share! Jammies are just fine, and a good sense of humor a must!

Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85075480326>. Meeting ID: **850 7548 0326**.

For more information, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



## Children's Chapel

*Fridays Beginning June 5, 9 AM*

Children's Chapel moves to 9 AM on Fridays beginning June 5. Join us on Zoom for a half hour of praise, Bible stories, prayer, and more fun. Come in your jammies from your living room, yard, sandbox, or wherever! All are welcome, so please invite your young friends!

For more information, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



## Read & grow Book Discussion Group

*Monday, June 8, 2020*

In May, we had a ZOOM meeting with eight people joining our group. We hope you will plan attend in Monday, June 8 at 6:30 PM. If possible, we will meet in person, practicing social distancing and masks, to choose our book list for 2020-2021 or we can meet through ZOOM technology to choose our book list for 2020- 2021. We will determine this by June 1.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jan Harlamert** at [janharlamert@yahoo.com](mailto:janharlamert@yahoo.com) or **440-243-7126**.



## Food Collection for Church Street Ministries

*Wednesdays, 5 pm - 8 pm in the UMCB Parking Lot*

We will be collecting non-perishable food items again to support the pantry at Church Street Ministries in the church parking lot. Dave LeBrun will be there to meet you, practicing safe social distancing and receiving your donations. Canned meat (e.g. tuna or chicken) especially is being requested. If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, please feel free to participate with a monetary donation instead, either by mailing a check to the church office (noting "food pantry" in the memo line) or by donating online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) (noting "food pantry" in the line marked "other.") Thank you for your generous participation as we continue to love our neighbors



## Letters for Immigrants in Detention Centers

We are collecting letters of support and encouragement to be sent to those in detention centers. During this pandemic, these places are of particular concern for people to be held. Let's do what we can in advocacy, and by sending our support and love.

Send your letters to **Pastor Carrie** at the church (170 Seminary Street, Berea, OH 44017). She will box and send them all to a group working with the Methodist Federation for Social Change.

For great ideas in supportive phrases and how to write them in Spanish, visit our website (<http://www.umcb.org/resources-for-connecting-supporting-our-community/>).

Thank you!