



Worship Celebration

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020 + 11 AM

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), or watch and share the video of our worship service later on our website at 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

Opening Songs

Blessed Be Your Name

***Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.***

***Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.***

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

***Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be" blessed be Your name.***

***Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.***

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

***You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.***

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.***

***The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.***

***You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.***

***And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.***

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Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Eternal God, turn and be gracious to us, for the road is long, and we grow weary.
In seasons when we feel beaten down by the trials of life, give your strength to sustain us.
Offer us your blessing, that we may abide in your faithfulness.
Comfort us, O God, and revive us.
Grant us the endurance we need to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.***

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—Romans 6.1-11 (CEB)

¹ So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? ² Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? ³ Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. ⁵ If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. ⁶ This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, ⁷ because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. ¹⁰ He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. ¹¹ In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Matthew 10.24-39 (CEB)

²⁴ "Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, and slaves aren't greater than their master. ²⁵ It's enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it's certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names.

²⁶ “Therefore, don’t be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed, and nothing secret that won’t be brought out into the open. ²⁷ What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. ²⁸ Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but can’t kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. ²⁹ Aren’t two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. ³⁰ Even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ Don’t be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ “Don’t think that I’ve come to bring peace to the earth. I haven’t come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ I’ve come to turn a man *against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.* ³⁶ *People’s enemies are members of their own households.*

³⁷ “Those who love father or mother more than me aren’t worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren’t worthy of me. ³⁸ Those who don’t pick up their crosses and follow me aren’t worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.”

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn

My Hope Is Built

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ love and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his love support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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Commissioning Missionaries to the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland (June 22-23, 2020)

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ

are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ.

As these members of our community travel to begin their work through the Nehemiah Mission,

we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their ministry.

We recognize these persons as ambassadors of this congregation,

and dedicate them to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through our prayers, we will be united together in ministry.

May God richly bless their labors.

Celebrating the Appointment of Megan Buehler to Church of the Redeemer UMC, Cleveland Heights

Together, we recognize and celebrate Megan Buehler’s entry into a new form of ministry,

being appointed to serve as pastor among the people of Church of the Redeemer UMC,

beginning July 1, 2020.

Megan, we rejoice with you as you enter into this new form of ministry.
As you continue to live into the ministry begun at your baptism,
we commit ourselves to praying for you and for the community you will serve.

***God of grace and power, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Megan as she ministers
among the people and community of Church of the Redeemer UMC.
Guide and strengthen her for this ministry in all that lies ahead,
that together we may be one in ministry to all the world;
through the One in whom we all are one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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) 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

***Receive the gifts of our hands, O God,
that they may be signs of your love and grace in a divided world.
Through our offerings, help others to follow your ways of life.
Fill the world with your mercy, that your faithful everywhere will honor you,
by living as your beloved community—making peace, working toward justice—
each and every day. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

Peace Be Still

***I don't want to be afraid every time I face the waves.
I don't want to be afraid, I don't want to be afraid.
I don't want to fear the storm just because I hear it roar.
I don't want to fear the storm, I don't want to fear the storm.***

***Peace, be still—say the word and I will set my feet upon the sea till I'm dancing in the deep.
Peace, be still—You are here so it is well. Even when my eyes can't see, I will trust the voice that speaks.***

***I'm not going to be afraid, 'cause these waves are only waves.
I'm not going to be afraid,, I'm not going to be afraid.
I'm not going to fear the storm; You are greater than its roar.
I'm not going to fear the storm, I'm not going to fear at all.***

***Peace, be still—say the word and I will set my feet upon the sea till I'm dancing in the deep.
Peace, be still—You are here so it is well. Even when my eyes can't see, I will trust the voice that speaks.
Peace, peace, over me.***

***Let faith rise up; O heart, believe. Let faith rise up in me.
Let faith rise up; O heart, believe. Let faith rise up in me.
Peace, peace, over me.***

Benediction

Even when we feel cast aside, God restores our future.

Even when the road ahead seems difficult, God blesses us with opportunities for new life.

Let us go from this time of worship with the blessings of the One who loves us fiercely.

Let us go to share God's love with the world.

We will. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Morning Prayer:

O God, I praise you as I arise this morning.
You are the giver of all life,
and you provide for what you have made.
Be with my spirit this day,
and teach me to be thankful for all that you offer.
Move me to be generous with others,
sharing goods, time, and kindness.
Be near to me, and help me to trust in your love.
By you Holy Spirit, let me speak peace,
let me do peace, let me be peace,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Creator of heaven and earth, light and darkness,
day and night,
I thank you for the day just past.
I pray for your forgiveness
for those things I did that hurt others
and for those missed opportunities to show your love.
Let me rest tonight, trusting in your grace.
Restore my mind and body as I sleep,
so that, when I awake,
I will have the strength to serve you
and your children well. Amen.

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Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests

Please reach out to **Pastor Nathan** (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.

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.

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.

UNITED METHODISTS STAND AGAINST RACISM

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

UMC.org/EndRacism

(Excerpt from a June 4, 2020 letter from Pastor Nathan and Pastor Carrie:)

Our connectional leaders "recognize that racism and injustice are deeply embedded and vexing issues within our Church and our communities" and commit themselves to "take action, to learn together, and to continue to press forward in transforming our Church, our communities, and our world into the 'beloved community.'" We echo and affirm the expressed commitment of our Bishop and members of the Extended Cabinet, and we invite you to join us in an intentional period of self-examination and learning conversations, trusting that if we are to be peacemakers in this world (cf. Matthew 5.9), then we must be willing to begin that process of transformation with ourselves. Here are some of the ways we invite you to join us in this journey:

Praying for Change: Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism from Discipleship Ministries

Discipleship Ministries of our United Methodist Church is providing resources and guidance to help bathe our current moment and work together in prayer. From Monday through Friday, new prayers are being posted and can be received by email.

For more information and to sign up to receive these resources at your email address, visit <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/praying-for-change-daily-prayers-for-anti-racism>.

Learning Conversations

All are invited to join us on Zoom for a series of weekly videos and conversations about racialized injustice and what we can do to resist this injustice, both in ourselves and in our communities. We will be utilizing a resource from the General Commission on Religion and Race of our United Methodist Church, and the tentative schedule for these conversations will be:

- Monday, June 22, 7 PM: "Building the Beloved Community"
- Monday, July 6, 7 PM: "Meaningful Conversations on Race"
- Monday, July 13, 7 PM: "Continued Struggles in Race Relations"
- Monday, July 20, 7 PM: "Intersections of Oppression"

Please RSVP to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101** for more information about these conversations and if you plan to participate (or if you are interested in participating but Mondays at 7 pm will not fit your schedule).

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Summer Book Club: *Grace Will Lead Us Home* by Jennifer Berry Hawes

Monday, June 29 at 6:30 pm

On Monday, June 29 at 6:30 pm, all are welcome to join us for a discussion of the book, *Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness*, by Jennifer Berry Hawes. (Our meeting location—whether in person or online and by phone—will be determined closer to the date of our meeting; please contact Pastor Nathan to express your interest in participating so that you can be kept informed.)

Five years ago, on June 17, 2015, twelve members of the historically black Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, welcomed a young white man named Dylann Roof into their evening Bible study. Nine of them were shot and killed by Roof in an attempt to start a “race war.” Two days later, relatives of some of those who had been killed stood at Roof’s hearing and offered forgiveness, but that offer of forgiveness was just the beginning of a long journey toward healing. In *Grace Will Lead Us Home*, Pulitzer Prize-winning local journalist Jennifer Berry Hawes provides a definitive account of the aftermath of this tragedy, sketching a story of how a community begins to heal.

Copies of *Grace Will Lead Us Home* can be purchased through most retailers or borrowed through our Cuyahoga County Public Library system. If you need help finding a copy—or for other additional information—please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.

Parents Book Study: *Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey

June 30, 7 PM - Please express your interest using the link below.

As we’re watching and praying for our country as we realize the deep pain our brothers and sisters of color are experiencing, some of us have begun to talk with each other about how do we raise kids in all of this. How do we raise them to make a difference? What do we even say about race? When and how do we talk about white privilege?

I have found *Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey (available on Amazon), very helpful and a great starting point for group conversation. It comes from the perspective of parenting “race consciously” as opposed to teaching color-blindness. It is the hope that with teaching race consciousness, kids will be able to point out and help end racism in their communities. Other topics include healthy white identity, privilege, what valuing diversity means, and more. It would be helpful for parents of any stage, and caregivers and teachers as well. If you have friends you want to join us, just let me know.

We’re hoping to do this on Tuesday, June 30th at 7 pm, on the Facebook parent page (UMCB Parents) using the “room” function to have a discussion. If you’re putting littles to bed and need to come on later, that’s ok. We want to have ample time to talk without a zoom time limit. Using the private group will also allow us to share resources as we go.

[Click here to indicate your interest and availability](#)

or contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Children's Chapel

Fridays, 9 AM

Children's Chapel moves to 9 AM on Fridays beginning June 5. It's a fun way for your kiddos to start the day! Please share this fun program with your family and friends. You don't need to be local to join us since we use Zoom (meeting ID **820 1966 6376**)! We gather together for half an hour of praise, Bible stories, and prayer. Come in your jammies from your living room, yard, sandbox, or wherever!

For more information, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



July/August Upper Room Available during Food Collection

Wednesday, May 24, 5 pm - 8 pm in the UMCB Parking Lot

Physical copies of the July/August Upper Room will be available in the church parking lot during this Wednesday's Food Collection. Regular print copies are \$1.25 and large print are \$2.00. Please bring exact change for the payment box. The Upper Room has also made these daily devotions available on their website, <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, at 6:30 PM

Join us each Thursday at 6:30 PM online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619179718?pwd=NUIFR3dUc0lKdkM2OVlWbHcwblpCdz09> or by phone **1-888-788-0099**. Enter **Meeting ID 856 1917 9718** and **Password 600537** when prompted. Questions? Please contact Mary Lynn Swartz at 440-409-5931 or marylynn482@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School Registration Opens June 10

Children of all ages, including grown-ups, are encouraged to join us for our at-home/virtual Vacation Bible School - Camp Compassion! Register between June 10 and July 10 at www.umcb.online-formation-resources. Then pick up your bag of supplies July 18 or July 19 on the church front porch.

We'll livestream VBS each morning on a private Facebook group where you can comment and send in your pictures. When livestream is over, enjoy crafts, games, and mission projects from your home or yard!

For more information, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



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 (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!