



# Worship Celebration

Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 7, 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](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**

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer**

*You are One, O God, and you are Three.*

*For the "many-ness" of your creative splendor, we give you thanks.*

*In the sacredness of our relationships—with you and with one another—we stand in awe.*

*In moments when we imagine we must go it alone,*

*remind us of the diversity of your creation;*

*remind us of the togetherness of your communion.*

*Empower us and remake us in your image, as we gather in your Spirit.*

*Make us one, and hold us together. Amen.*

### **Hymn**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,*

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again;*

*he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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—Psalm 8 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

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

### Gospel Lesson—Matthew 28.16-20 (CEB)

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

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### Children's Message

### Sermon

***Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!***

***Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!***

***Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!***

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### **A Prayer for Graduates** (pictures of and information about our graduates are on pages 5 and 6)

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught your fuller way of life.  
Bless these persons as they now finish this course of study.  
We thank you for all those who taught and studied beside them  
and for all who supported them along the way.  
Walk with them as they now leave this stage of life and move forward.  
Take away any anxiety and confusion of purpose.  
Strengthen their many talents and skills and instill in them a confidence in your future,  
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people;  
for the sake of your love in Jesus Christ, Amen.

### **Prayers of the People and 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](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.*

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment**

***Gracious God, Holy Trinity, we offer these gifts and ourselves  
as instruments of your ever-new creation. Amen.***

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

***Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—  
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.***

***Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.***

***Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!***

***Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.***

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**Benediction** (from 2 Corinthians 13.13)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with all of us as we go forth to live in peace.

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

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

**Morning Prayer:**

God of the living, from whom all blessings flow,  
I welcome a new day with thanksgiving  
because you have cared for me through the night.  
Wherever you send me today, whomsoever I meet,  
be in my going and my meeting.  
Grant me wisdom to cherish what you give me  
and generosity to share what I receive.  
Fill me with the Spirit so that I may show  
courage, kindness, and compassion to all.  
In waking and in sleeping, I live for you. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

Triune God,  
these hours of light are passing into darkness.  
Thank you for being with me.  
Let me not forget the joys of this day.  
Send your Spirit to fill my memories with peace  
as I prepare for this night.  
Where I have failed to follow you, forgive me.  
If I have been a help to others,  
let them give thanks to you.  
And I will celebrate with your whole creation  
when the new day you are bringing dawns. 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.



### High School

This fall Amber Blevins will be attending Miami University in the Honors Program to pursue a Bachelors of Science in Biology.



Mallory Redetzki will attend The Ohio State University in Columbus in the fall and plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.



Olivia Rentsch will attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall majoring in Biomedical Engineering.



Grace Sperry graduated Magna Cum Laude from Berea Midpark High school. In the fall, she will be attending University of Akron majoring in Chemical Engineering. She is very excited to start her college career and is looking forward to fall. Grace is currently working at Dairy Queen in Berea.



Kayla Wood plans to attend Miami University in the fall. Her major is undecided but she is interested in travel and international studies.



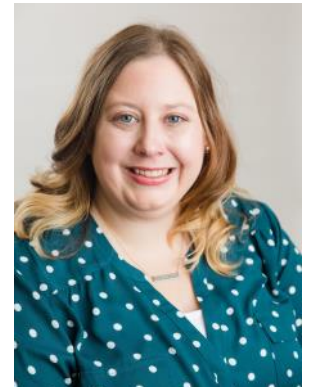


### College

Erikah Jackson graduated from University of Akron with a degree in Medical Engineering after completing a five year co-op. She will begin her job at Goodyear in Akron this summer.

### Seminary

Megan Buehler graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO) with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries. She received the Servant Leader Award, which recognizes exceptional and sacrificial service to MTSO. Beginning July 1, Megan will serve as lead pastor of Church of the Redeemer UMC in Cleveland Heights.



### **Today is Peace with Justice Sunday**



As United Methodists, Peace with Justice Sunday is one way we are working together to seek justice. While we recognize that no nation or culture is absolutely just, we believe that we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers. Peace with Justice Sunday is based on the idea that the way to stand for justice is to simultaneously create pathways for peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. It is necessary to work together to resolve conflict peacefully because it is in that resolution where work such as eliminating poverty, caring for orphans, and kickstarting health initiatives can be successful.

Please consider giving generously online ([www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate)) or by sending your special offering to the church. Be sure to designate "Peace with Justice" on your offering.



## 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).



## Children’s Chapel

*Fridays, 9 AM*

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! Questions? 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, at 6:30 PM*

We hope you will plan to join us for our 20-21 planning meeting on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 PM. The direct link to connect online is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259288501>. Phone access is available by dialing **1-888-788-0099** and entering **Meeting id 812 5928 8501**. (There is no password required.) If you have any questions, please contact **Jan Harlamert** at [janharlamert@yahoo.com](mailto:janharlamert@yahoo.com) or **440-243-7126**.



## 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 at [www.umcb.online-formation-resources](http://www.umcb.online-formation-resources) between June 10 and July 10. 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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



## 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=NUJFR3dUc0lKdkM2OVlWbHcwblpCdz09> 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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com).



## 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, practicing safe social distancing and receiving your donations. 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 or by donating online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) (noting "food pantry") Thank you for your generous participation & love for 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!