



# Worship Celebration

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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**

### **Opening Songs**

#### *Better Is One Day*

***How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.***

***Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.***

***Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.***

***One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells.***

***Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.***

***Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.***

***My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God. Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me. I will draw near to You.***

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*All of Creation*

*Separated, until the veil was torn, the moment that hope was born,  
and guilt was pardoned once and for all.*

*Captivated, but no longer bound by chains, left at an empty grave,  
the sinner and the sacred resolved.*

*And all of creation, sing with me now, lift up your voice and lay your burden down;  
And all of creation, sing with me now, fill up the heavens, let His glory resound.*

*When time has faded, and we see Him face to face, every doubt erased,  
forever we will worship the King.*

*And all of creation, sing with me now, lift up your voice and lay your burden down;  
And all of creation, sing with me now, fill up the heavens, let His glory resound.*

*The reason we breathe is to sing of His glory;  
And for all He has done, praise the Father, praise the Son, and the Spirit in One.  
And all of creation, sing with me now, lift up your voice and lay your burden down;  
And all of creation, sing with me now, fill up the heavens, let His glory resound.*

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## Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

*Creator God, you have created and called us to live in you.  
Help us now to sense your presence in this time of worship,  
that through our worship, we may be strengthened to share your love with the world.  
As we come to you this day, bless us with your grace and your rest,  
that we may find renewal and the strength to serve with confidence and joy. Amen.*

### Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious love.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

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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—Romans 7.15-25a (CEB)

<sup>15</sup> I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate.  
<sup>16</sup> But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that the Law is right. <sup>17</sup> But now I'm not  
the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin that lives in me. <sup>18</sup> I know that good doesn't live in me—that is,

in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it. <sup>19</sup>I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do. <sup>20</sup>But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>I gladly agree with the Law on the inside, <sup>23</sup>but I see a different law at work in my body. It wages a war against the law of my mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body. <sup>24</sup>I'm a miserable human being. Who will deliver me from this dead corpse? <sup>25</sup>Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

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

### **Gospel Lesson**—Matthew 11.16-19, 28-30 (CEB)

<sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup>Yet the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved to be right by her works.”...

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. <sup>30</sup>My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

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### **Children's Message**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn**

*Rest*

***Oh, my Lord, You are my Shepherd, and I shall not want.***

***Oh, my Lord, beside still waters, You repair my heart. I trust in You, oh, I trust in You.***

***Even though I walk through the valley of death, You restore my soul and You give me rest.***

***Oh, the memories of Your faithfulness;***

***You restore my soul and You give me rest, You restore my soul and You give me rest.***

***Oh, my Lord, You've prepared a table for You and me.***

***Oh, my Lord, in the middle of a fire with my enemies. I trust in You, oh, I trust in You.***

***Even though I walk through the valley of death, You restore my soul and You give me rest.***

***Oh, the memories of Your faithfulness;***

***You restore my soul and You give me rest, You restore my soul and You give me rest.***

***I will fear no evil for You're here with me. Your goodness and Your love, they will never leave.***

***Just a closer walk with Thee, just a closer walk. Just a closer walk with Thee, just a closer walk.***

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### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Opportunities for Ministry 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.*

# We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

*This Is My Song*

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*This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

*This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.*

*O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.*

*Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.*

*O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

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## Benediction

May the God who brings good even out of brokenness,  
the Christ who shares his yoke with us,  
and the Spirit which breathes her wisdom into our hearts  
sustain and guide us this day and every day.

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

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

### **Morning Prayer:**

As the darkness recedes,  
open my eyes to the gift of this new day;  
help me to trust you with all that it will hold.  
In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted,  
tune my ear to the sound of your voice,  
my eye to the movement of your Spirit,  
my heart to the strength of your desire,  
that I might glimpse your hidden graces  
and be strengthened in your service,  
for I would be your instrument. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer:**

Merciful God,  
I come now weary,  
grateful for the chance to meet you in the silence,  
eager to be washed again in your claim.  
Lift from me the burdens I do not easily yield.  
In your gracious provision, fit me with a better yoke  
that I might rest as a child secure  
and rise with a teachable spirit. Amen.

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# UNITED METHODISTS STAND AGAINST RACISM



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## 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, 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](mailto: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).

## 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.

## 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).

## Staff & Office Hours

For the protection of all, our staff continues to work 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.



## Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (In-Person)

*Wednesdays in July, 7 pm*

All are welcome to join us on the north lot of our property on Wednesday evenings in July (weather-permitting) for brief worship services to re-center and re-focus together around scripture and prayer in the middle of the week. Please bring your own chair, wear face coverings, and maintain safe social distance (six feet) from members of other households.

For more information, contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



## Children's Chapel

*Fridays, 9 AM*

It's a fun way for your kiddos (and your friends and family) to start the day! 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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



## Adult Faith Formation

*Sundays, 10 am*

On Sundays in July, join us for a new study: *Hope for the Hard Times: Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha*. Together, we will discover how these two prophets trusted God to find a way for them through difficult times.

Join us online: <https://zoom.us/j/487816871> or by phone: dial **1-888-788-0099** and enter meeting ID **487 816 871**



## Register by this Friday for Our Virtual/Online Vacation Bible School

Children of all ages, including grown-ups, are encouraged to join us for our at-home/virtual Vacation Bible School - Camp Compassion! **Register by Friday, July 10** at [www.umcb.online-formation-resources](http://www.umcb.online-formation-resources) and 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.



## Feed The Kids

We are again helping with the Feed the Kids program in Berea. Disbursement has been narrowed down for reduced contact, and therefore, we are only distributing prepared lunches on Mondays (with enough lunches to cover multiple days). Our week of service will be the week of July 27.

To help with this program, either by hands-on service or by making a financial gift, please contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



## Food Collection for Church Street Ministries

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

Dave LeBrun will be in the church parking lot, practicing safe social distancing and receiving your donations of non-perishable food items to support the pantry at Church Street Ministries. 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 or online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for your generous participation.



## Flower Gardens around the Church Building

Even though we are not yet meeting in person inside our building, our flower beds around the outside of the building could use some attention and care. If you have some time to spare and would like the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air, please feel free to stop by and pull some weeds. Questions? Please contact Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.