

# Worship Celebration

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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

*Eternal God, you offer glimpses of new possibilities.  
Rescue us from life's storms, and lift us from the raging waters.  
Be with us as we call upon your name.  
Reveal your purposes for this world that we may be of service.  
Bless us with the courage to follow where you lead,  
as we worship, live, and pray in your name. Amen.*

Hymn

*Stand by Me*

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*When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;  
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.  
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;  
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.  
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.  
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;  
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.  
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.*

*In the midst of persecution, stand by me;  
in the midst of persecution, stand by me.  
When my foes in battle array undertake to stop my way,  
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.  
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;  
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.  
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.*

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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.*

### Gospel Lesson—Matthew 14.22-33 (CEB)

<sup>22</sup> Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. <sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. <sup>25</sup> Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

<sup>27</sup> Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

<sup>33</sup> Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

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

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

### Children's Message

### Sermon

### 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.*

## 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

*It Is Well*

*Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of his voice.  
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on you. Through it all, through it all it is well.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on you, and it is well with me.*

*Far be it for me to not believe, even when my eyes can't see.  
And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on you. Through it all, through it all it is well.  
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on you, and it is well, it is well.*

*So, let go my soul and trust in him. The waves and wind still know his name.  
It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.*

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### Benediction

God blesses us with strength for the journey.  
Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.  
The Spirit guides us with dreams filled with hope and promise.  
As we leave this time of worship and re-enter the mission field,  
may we have the courage to follow wherever Christ will lead.  
***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### Postlude

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

**Morning Prayer:**

God of my destiny, thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold. Send me now as your servant and disciple, sharing your good news through deed and word. Help me to remember during times of difficulty that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

God of love, this day has been crowded with work and service. This evening, bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray. Help me to know your reassuring presence with me through the night hours. May I come to you and rest in you. 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.

**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.



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**Student & School Staff  
Drive-thru  
Back-to-School  
Blessing**

**August 16, 12-2 PM  
Drive Past on Seminary St.**



This school year is a little different. Let us pray for you and send you into the year with a little more peace and a blessing. Drive up past our red doors on Seminary St. for a blessing and a small token of peace. All teachers, school staff, and students of all ages are welcome. Pastors will be a safe distance away and will be wearing face coverings.

We hope to pray with you with soon!



### **Seeds Family Worship Concert - Live Online**

**August 23, 4 PM, on Facebook**

Join us for a fun family concert! We'll be using Seed's worship music as part of our family devotions this fall - this is a great way to preview and enjoy their worship songs!

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/601818407067174/> for more information.

For a link to watch together, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



### **Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (In-Person)**

**Wednesdays, 7 PM**

All are welcome to join us on the north lot of our property on Wednesday evenings (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.



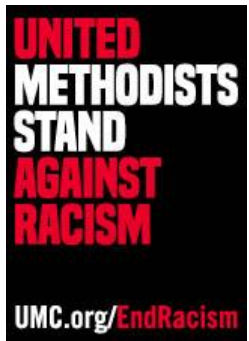
### **Children's Chapel**

**Fridays, 9 AM**

It's a fun way for your kiddos 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!

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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>.





## New Adult Sunday School Class

### God and the Pandemic:

### A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath

*Sundays, 10 AM via Zoom*

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 AM via Zoom for a conversation that puts our current experience of pandemic into the context of our Christian scriptures and tradition, based on this recent book by N.T. Wright, professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews. You are welcome to purchase the book but do not need to do so to join us for our conversations as we consider questions related to our experience of pandemic including, *What should be the Christian response? How should we think about God and God's role? How do we live in the present moment? What can we learn about ourselves? and How do we recover?*

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



## Thursday Women's Bible Study

*Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 PM*

Thursday evening Bible Study is studying **Determined** by Heather M. Dixon. All are welcomed to join us in this study of Luke and how he helps us see the everyday encounters, turn into something more. Books can be ordered through Amazon.

Join us online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619179718pwd=NUIFR3dUc0lKdkM2OVIWbHcwblpCdz09> or by phone by dialing 1-888-788-0099. Meeting ID 856 1917 9718 and Password 600537

Questions? Please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at 440-409-5931  
or [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com).



## Breakfast-on-the-Go for B.W. Students

*Donations accepted Wednesdays, 5-8 PM in the UMCB Parking Lot*

We plan on continuing to offer hospitality and welcome to our B.W. students this year as they head back to some in-person classes. Pastors will do this the morning of August 24th. This year we are simplifying our donations to "chewy" bars and coffee and water. If you'd like to donate breakfast bars or bottled water, please do so on a Wednesday evening coming up. Thank you!



## Equal Exchange Items For Sale

*Next Wednesday, 5-8 PM in the UMCB Parking Lot*

If you have been missing and would like some good fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, hot cocoa or olive oil, stop by the church parking lot on August 12 to purchase some of these items after you drop off your donations for the food pantry and/or attend the mid-week prayer service. We'll look forward to seeing you then! Take care and God bless, *Wendy Jelinek for Church and Society*



## Food Collection for Local Food Pantries

*Wednesdays, 5-8 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 local food pantries. 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.