

The God of
PEACE
will be with you.

Phillippians 4:9, CEB

Worship Celebration

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020 + 9 AM and 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, this week and every week:

Sunday at 9 am in Wesley Hall (visit www.umcb.org/worship-registration for more information)

Sunday at 11 am online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

Wednesday at 7 pm (Evening Prayer) on the north lot or in Wesley Hall (weather-determined)

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

My Savior My God

I am not skilled to understand what God has willed, what God has planned.

I only know at his right hand stands One who is my savior.

I take him at his word and deed. Christ died to save me, this I read.

And in my heart I find a need of him to be my savior.

*That he would leave his place on high and come for sinful man to die,
you count it strange; so once did I before I knew my savior.*

My savior loves. My savior lives. My savior's always there for me.

My God he was. My God he is. My God is always going to be.

*Yes, living, dying let me bring my strength, my solace from this spring
that he who lives to be my king once died to be my savior.*

*That he would leave his place on high and come for sinful man to die,
you count it strange, so once die I before I knew my savior.*

My savior loves. My savior lives. My savior's always there for me.

My God he was. My God he is. My God is always going to be.

My savior lives. My savior loves. My savior lives. My savior loves. My savior lives.

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Friend of God

***Who am I that you are mindful of me? That you hear me when I call?
Is it true that you are thinking of me? How you love me, it's amazing.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, he calls me friend.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, he calls me friend.
God almighty, Lord of glory, you have called me friend.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, you call me friend.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, you call me friend.***

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Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Beloved God, we gather in the shelter of your love,
welcomed by your grace and Holy Spirit.
Focus our hearts and our minds in this time of worship,
that we might live with gratitude for the blessings of our lives.
Through your word and through our worship,
strengthen our call to fulfill our role as your partners in ministry to the world. 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—Exodus 32.1-14 (CEB)

¹ The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."

² Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the LORD!" ⁶ They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate.

⁷ The LORD spoke to Moses: "Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! ⁸ They've already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They've bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I've been watching these people, and I've seen how stubborn they are. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I'll make a great nation out of you."

¹¹ But Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, "LORD, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so wipe them off the earth'? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, 'I'll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I've promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.'" ¹⁴ Then the LORD changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson—Philippians 4.1-9 (CEB)

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. ³Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

⁴Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! ⁵Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. ⁶Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. ⁷Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

⁸From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. ⁹Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn

New Wine

In the crushing, in the pressing you are making new wine.

In the soil I now surrender, you are breaking new ground.

So, I yield to you and to your careful hand. When I trust you I don't need to understand.

Make me your vessel, make me an offering. Make me whatever you want me to be.

I came here with nothing, but all you have given me. Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Jesus bring new wine out of me. Jesus bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.

There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.

I lay down my old flames to carry your new fire today.

So, make me your vessel, make me an offering. Make me whatever you want me to be.

God, I came here with nothing, but all you have given me. Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

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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) 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.

Doxology

UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Gracious God, thank you for your abundant love and nourishing grace.

Thank you for the gifts we return to you now.

*Bless these gifts, that they may become for others
signs of your steadfast love and faithfulness.*

Use us for your purposes as we seek to live as your beloved. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

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Benediction

As partners with God, let us go to serve God's world.

As friends of Christ, let us go to share Christ's love.

Go with the blessing of God, the strength of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

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

Morning Prayer

Faithful God,
you remain when others forsake.
When I am tempted to abandon myself today,
help me to stay present to this moment,
that I may know and do your will.
Through the Creator who enfolds me,
Christ who defends me,
and the Spirit who never abandons me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Mothering God,
bring me back from today's distractions
to the stillness of your presence,
that I may rest in your enfolding arms.
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," please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or 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.



Local Solutions to Global Crises

**Friday, October 16, 7:30-9:45 PM &
Saturday, October 17, Noon-2:30 PM EDT**

Join fellow United Methodists from across the United States for the 2020 Online Creation Justice Summit. Attendees will be encouraged to dream boldly of ways they can play a key role in healing the planet, dive deeper into advocacy and Green Team development training, gather wisdom from speakers and other leaders, and gain strength and inspiration by worshipping together.

Keynote Speakers are Bee Morehead, Director of Texas Impact and Texas Center for Interfaith Public Policy, and Rev. Michael Malcom, Executive Director of Alabama Interfaith Power and Light. This Zoom gathering will be accessed by computer or cell phone; the link will be emailed to registrants the week before the event.

Cost is \$10, but scholarships are available by request at umcreationjustice@gmail.com.
For more details or to register visit www.umcreationjustice.org/summit.



Messy Church @Home - All Ages Welcome!!

October 18, 6:00pm, on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for another Messy Church @home, October 18 at 6:00pm. October can be spooky, but not when God is always with you! Join us as we talk about fear and courage!

Fun crafts with supplies at home, worship, and snack time will bring us all together as we learn that God helps us conquer our fears.

Register on Facebook (www.facebook.com/umcberea) or by emailing **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org

for the Zoom link.



In-Person Indoor Worship

Sundays, 9AM, Wesley Hall

While Cuyahoga County's Public Health Emergency Risk Level remains at Level 2 or lower, we will have in-person Sunday morning worship services at 9 AM in Wesley Hall. If you are ill, experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, or recently have been in contact with someone experiencing symptoms, please stay at home and join us for our online worship service at 11 AM. Face coverings will be required at all times while you are in the building, and we will maintain safe physical distancing (minimum of six feet) from members of other households.

Worship attendance will be limited to forty persons, and you must register in advance if you plan to attend. Registration for each Sunday's worship service will be open from noon on Tuesday to noon on Friday.

You can register online (www.umcb.org) or by calling the church office and leaving a message (**440-234-3525 x100**).



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 or **440-234-3525 x101**.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Over the last few months our Clergy, Pastor Nathan and Pastor Carrie, have stepped forward in previously uncharted territory to continue our life in Christ together.

We are especially blessed to have them, and a good way to honor them would be by sending them cards and letters expressing our appreciation for their hard and innovative work.

Tom Marek, Chair of SPRC



Young Adult Bible Study

A young adult small group is beginning to form! They hope to meet online for Bible Study and later for fellowship and service projects. If you know a younger adult who might be interested, please invite them and share Pastor Carrie's contact information. This will be a mix of college students and young professionals.

Questions?

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



GriefShare Group - New Participants Welcome!

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 PM, via Zoom

GriefShare Programs are designed for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend or animal. It is a warm caring place, to be you and share a little of how you are feeling with others, in the same situation. There are workbooks have available for \$15.00

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88344694889?pwd=RjlkcnGN5VU9FSUR0bHR3YThucVJMUT09>

By Phone (audio only): 1-888-788-0099

Meeting ID: 883 4469 4889, **Passcode:** 788920

For more information or workbooks, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at 440-409-5931 or marylynn482@gmail.com.



Children's and Youth Formation

We're off to a great start with faith formation. We would love to have you help share Bible stories with our kids! Email Pastor Carrie on how to pre-record a Bible story to be used in Sunday School.

Families with children need to join the Facebook Group found here to access family-led Sunday School: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/umcbsundayschool/>.

Families with Youth should note this zoom link for Live Sunday School at 12 PM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87382928705>.

Please be sure to fill out this year's registration form with new vital information we'll need from each family at <http://www.umcb.org/child-youth-formation-registration-page/>.



House Churches

Your house neighbors are waiting! We would love to add more friends to our house churches. These small groups are meeting remotely or outdoors (while weather permits) for faith formation, fellowship, and prayer. Please be sure to fill out the registration form (link here) letting us know our interests.

Complete the interest form **online** at

<http://www.umcb.org/adult-formation-interest-form/>

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



Trunk or Treat

**October 31, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, The UMCB Parking Lot
(Please Park Cars 1:00pm - 1:45pm)**

Join us for a fun Halloween afternoon of trunk or treating! We need YOU to come and park your decorated trunk with treats for kids in our community. Safety measures will include masks, sanitizer stations, and cars every other spot. We encourage you to bring a chair and sit in the open spot, while you greet kids who will help themselves to candy from your trunk. Treats should be spaced out for easy grabbing and less rummaging. Our kids have been through a lot this year, so we're excited to show them a good time and a little bit of normal seasonal cheer!

Extra treats will be collected on Wednesday evenings in October.

RSVP a spot with Pastor Carrie at

cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for your generous participation.



Christmas on the Porch

October 24, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The UMCB Front Porch (Facing Seminary Street)

UMW is celebrating "Christmas on the Porch" on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00am-3:00pm. We're "trimming down" our Craft Show. UMW will be selling Christmas goodies (hand painted ceramic ornaments with new designs and colors, gift boxes, and "Methodist Mix" popcorn) to raise money to support our missions. Please join us on the front porch (social distancing will be observed and face masks are required) ... let's gather for some fun and fellowship to help our mission projects.

Women, children and youth will benefit from your kindness.

As always, we appreciate your encouragement and support.



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>.