



Worship Celebration

Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost

October 25, 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)

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

Wednesday at 7 pm (Evening Prayer) in the Gathering Place

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 (adapted from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Restore us this day, O Lord, and heal us with your saving love,

for we are your people, and you are our God.

May your love flow through us like springs of living water,

that we may rejoice and be glad in your presence all our days. Amen.

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
 our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
 Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
 the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
 the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.*

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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—Deuteronomy 34.1-7 (CEB)

¹Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The LORD showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; ²all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; ³also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar.

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it."

⁵Then Moses, the LORD's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the LORD's command. ⁶The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is.

⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Matthew 22.34-40 (CEB)

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. ³⁵One of them, a legal expert, tested him. ³⁶“Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷He replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.* ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.* ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

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Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.*

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.*

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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

You have told us, O Lord, what we must do:

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.*

And...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

May the offerings we bring this week

be a sign of our commitment to be known by your love.

Bless these offerings and our loving in your holy name, we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

The Blessing

*The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen, amen, amen.*

*May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.
May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
all around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, he is for you.*

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Benediction

God's love sends us forth, sets us free, makes us whole, and brings us hope.
God's love blesses our lives and brings healing to our world.
Let us go from this time of worship, blessed by this love
and living as a blessing for the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Our service of worship is ended.

Our worship through service now begins.

Morning Prayer

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
Carry me today in your steadfast love
that I may rejoice and be glad all my days,
living life fully without fear of the end.
Amen.

Evening Prayer

Eternal God,
a thousand years in your sight
are like this day gone by,
years swept away like a dream.
May I rest in the assurance
that even in the sleep of death,
I will be awakened to an eternal morning,
through the power of Christ,
the resurrection. Let it be. Amen.

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All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1

The Festival of All Saints is celebrated by the church on November 1. It is an annual opportunity for us to give thanks for the community of faith and to re-affirm our faith that the church consists not only in all those followers of Jesus who are living but also all those who have gone before us and all those who are yet to come.

On All Saints Sunday this year, we will celebrate the gift of this communion of saints during both morning worship services (9:00 AM in person in Wesley Hall; 11:00 AM online), reading the names of persons connected to this congregation who have died in the past twelve months, and lighting a candle for each one as we give thanks for the eternal light of Christ that continues to shine in their lives and in ours.



In-Person Indoor Worship

Sundays, 9:00AM, Wesley Hall

Join us for an in-person worship service with safe physical distancing. Face coverings and safe physical distancing (minimum of six feet) from members of other households are required at all times while you are in the building. If you are ill, experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, or recently have been in contact with someone experiencing symptoms, please stay home and join us for our live-streaming worship service at 11 AM.

If Cuyahoga County's Public Health Emergency Risk Level rises, in-person activities may be suspended. Watch our website and in our publications such as the weekly e-newsletter for updates and announcements.



Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (In-Person)

Wednesdays, 7:00PM

All are welcome to join us in the Gathering Place on Wednesday evenings for brief worship services to re-center and re-focus together around scripture and prayer in the middle of the week. Please wear face masks 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.



2020 Charge Conference

Monday, November 9, 7:00 PM, via Zoom

On Monday, November 9, we will gather on Zoom with ten other area congregations for our annual charge conference. This is our yearly meeting in which we gather to celebrate God's activity in our life together throughout the past year and conduct official business in preparation for the year to come with the guidance of our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey.

All members of the Church Council are encouraged to participate
in this meeting with voice and vote.

If you plan to participate, please contact Pastor Nathan
(nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101) by **November 5** for login information.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

November 9, 6:30-8:00 PM, on Zoom

We invite YOU to join us on Monday, October 12, from 6:30-8:00PM as we discuss **Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again** by Rachel Held Evans. (This book was not discussed in April 2020 because of COVID-19.)

Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259288501>

By phone: 1-888-788-0099

Meeting ID: 812 5928 8501 (no password)

If you have questions, please contact **Janet Mallarnee** at **440-235-7331**,
Betsy Meikle at **440-243-5767** or **Jan Harlamert** at **440-243-7126**.



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**.



Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30, via Zoom

Are you 'dreading' the Holidays? Not sure what to expect from others, even your own emotions after losing a loved one? Come join us and you will be given the tools to help you through the Holidays.

How to handle the parties, invitations...What to do about traditions and other changes coming your way...Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time.

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85724185396>

By Phone: 888-788-0099

Meeting ID: 857 2418 5396

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



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30pm, on Zoom

Thursday Night Bible Study will be starting a new book in November, **Matchless** by Angie Smith. *Who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? We live in a world where there's a lot of confusion about Jesus. Too often people want to shape Him and His message to fit their personal needs or agendas. So how can we know the truth?*

Please join us!

For more information, 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 Update

Due to Cuyahoga County moving to red/level 3 on the Public Health Advisory System, we have decided to cancel this year's Trunk or Treat and look forward to doing it again in 2021. Stay tuned, and be encouraged!



Food Collection for Local Food Pantries

Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00PM this week & 4:00-7:00PM starting November 4 in the UMCB Parking Lot

Collections of food for local food banks will continue with some changes beginning Wednesday November 4. Hours will change to 4:00-7:00 PM and collections will take place at the red front doors of the church. When you drop off your donation pull up to the red doors. Flash your lights and beep your horn. A masked church member will come out to accept your donation. 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 supporting this effort.



Love Your Neighbors: Leaf Raking

November 14, 9:00AM, Meet at Smith Elementary

We encourage all who are able to join us in Berea Community Outreach's annual leaf-raking day, November 14th beginning at 9 am. We will meet at Smith Elementary to pick up local addresses of seniors or other disabled persons who are unable to attend to their lawns. This will also serve as our youth fall service project. Be sure to bring a rake, leaf blower, and any other tools you'd like. As always this year, bring a mask.

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



Christmas from the Trunk

Saturday, October 31, 12:00-2:00PM

Wednesday, October 28, 11:00AM - 1:00PM, 5:00 - 6:00PM

Saturday, October 24, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

UMW is celebrating "Christmas from the Trunk" on Saturday, October 24 from 11:00AM - 1:00PM. Stop in the parking lot and check out UMW's Christmas goodies (hand-painted ceramic ornaments with new designs and colors and "Methodist Mix" popcorn) to raise money to support our missions.

Carol McCleery will "pop her trunk" for you to shop conveniently and safely. Additional shopping schedule includes: Wednesday, October 28 (11:00AM - 1:00PM and 5:00 - 6:00PM) and Saturday, October 31 (12:00-2:00PM) or please contact **Carol** to make additional arrangements at [**mcmanistee7250@gmail.com**](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com) or **440-234-9078**.

UMW appreciates your support, understanding, and patience.



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

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," please 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.