



Worship Celebration

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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

Generous God, you have shown us your ways and promised to walk with us.

*Through Christ, you have given us an example to follow,
that we might live as expressions of your divine love.*

Lover of justice, forgive us when we forget whose image our lives bear.

*May the deep convictions of our faith be displayed
through acts of kindness, compassion, and mercy.*

In your holy name, we live, worship, and pray. Amen.

Opening Song

Take My Life

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my king.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as you choose.
Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for thee.*

*Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.
Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for thee.*

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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—1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 (CEB)

¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

²We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. ³This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. ⁴Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. ⁵We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. ⁷As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. ⁹People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, ¹⁰and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Matthew 22.15-22 (CEB)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. ¹⁷So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. ²⁰"Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.

²¹"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." ²²When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn

No One Beside

***Within my heart is a melody that was not taught.
In the darkest night it still goes on. The anthem of my God.
Within my heart is a treasure that cannot be bought.
When all else is faded, it will not. The presence of my God.
Oh, magnify the Lord. Let us exalt his name together.
No one beside you, Lord. Honor and praise are yours forever.***

***Before your throne in the mystery that can be known,
lives the majesty that yours alone. How glorious you are.
You are the one who redeems the wrongs that I have done.
Reigning over all the days to come. How glorious you are.
Oh, magnify the Lord. Let us exalt his name together.
No one beside you, Lord. Honor and praise are yours forever.***

***Holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.
Oh, magnify the Lord. Let us exalt his name together.
No one beside you, Lord. Honor and praise are yours forever.***

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Introduction to the Service of Confirmation

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

Through the sacrament of baptism, God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church,
incorporates us into God's saving work, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, an expression of God's unconditional grace.

Through the ritual of confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing in, through, and for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Presentation of Candidates

Jonathan Blevins

Bailey Jelinek

Katie Budney

Josh Ulman

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you,
do you renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

I do.

Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

***We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.***

Will you allow the Spirit to use you as prophets to the powers that be?

***We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.***

Will you proclaim the gospel and live as Christ's body on earth?

***We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in grace,
and promise to serve Christ as Lord in union with the church
which Christ has opened to persons of all ages, nations, and races.***

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together,
wherever you are and in all you do?

***We will be faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.***

Let us join in profession the Christian faith. Do you believe in God?

We believe in almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***We believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 God,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

We all start here. The Spirit calls and leads us all.

Thanks be to God.

Confirmation with Laying On of Hands

Remember you are baptized, and be thankful!

Glory to God! Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Reception into The United Methodist Church

As members of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into the Local Congregation

As members of The United Methodist Church of Berea,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, these persons are commended to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

***We give thanks for all that God has given you already,
and we welcome you in Christian love.***

***As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
by your prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.***

The God of all grace, who has called us to fullness of life in Christ,
establish us and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may live together in grace and peace.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

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***I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
"I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."***

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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

***All our offerings, O Lord, represent only a part of what belongs to you.
As we give these gifts and ourselves freely to you,
may others know your goodness and your love through us. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

God Be with You till We Meet Again

UMH 673

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.*

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Benediction

Go now, serving the living God, whose image we each bear.

May all our work be done with faith.

May all our efforts be filled with love.

May all our hope be sustained through Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

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

Morning Prayer

Help me to listen quietly, Lord,
as the morning sounds of creation draw me to you.
Sometimes it is difficult
to fully receive your pleasure in me,
to grasp that you are fond of me,
even when I have nothing to show for myself.
May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I end this day with gratitude, God,
holding close to my heart
those whose faith helped carry me
through this day. Amen.

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Messy Church @Home - All Ages Welcome!!

TODAY!, 6:00PM, on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for another Messy Church @home, this evening 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, 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.



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.



Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30, via Zoom

Are you 'dreading' the Holiday's ? 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.



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=RjlkcnN5VU9FSUR0bHR3YThucVJMUT09>

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 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 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.



Mark Your Calendars for 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.

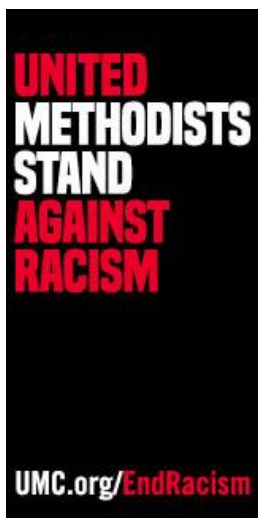
Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Christmas on the Porch Update

Due to Cuyahoga County moving to red/level 3 on the Public Health Advisory System, UMW's October 24 "Christmas on the Porch" has been cancelled.

If you are interested in ordering popcorn or Christmas tree decorations, please contact **Carol Ann McCleery** at mcmanistee7250@gmail.com or 440-234-9078.



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>.

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.