



Worship Celebration

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021 + 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 11 AM online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

Monday—Friday at 9 am (Morning Prayer) via Zoom (meeting id: 518 014 483)

Wednesday at 7 pm (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (meeting id: 848 4741 1964; passcode: 195510)

In preparation for worship, you are encouraged to light a candle as a reminder of God's presence.

We Gather as God's Children

Choral Introit

In God Alone

WS 3135

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

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Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call us again, O rock of our salvation,

and remind us that your beloved community has come near.

As you called Simon and Andrew long ago, call us to follow you this day,

that we might find refuge and strength as we face the living of these days.

Grant us courage to wait for you in stillness.

In you, we rest secure. In you, we rediscover our purpose.

In you, we abide in and share your holy love. Amen.

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
le the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.*

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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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.*

Children's Message

First Lesson—Jonah 3.1-5, 10 (CEB)

¹ The LORD's word came to Jonah a second time: ²“Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you.” ³And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

⁴Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, “Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant....

¹⁰God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 1.14-20 (CEB)

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, ¹⁵saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

¹⁶As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Come, follow me,” he said, “and I'll show you how to fish for people.” ¹⁸Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. ²⁰At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Hymn

Tu Has Venido a la Orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)

UMH 344

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.*

*You need my hands, full of caring through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.*

*You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.*

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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

*God, who always calls us, may these gifts and our words and actions
be part of our response to follow Christ's call.*

*Use us and the offerings we will bring,
that your peace, your strength, and your loving-kindness
may be made tangible throughout the world. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

You Say

*I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,
every single lie that tells me I will never measure up.
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know.*

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing. You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short. And, when I don't belong, you say I am yours,
and I believe, I believe. What you say of me, I believe.*

The only thing that matters now is everything you think of me.

In you I find my worth, in you I find my identity.

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing. You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short. And, when I don't belong, you say I am yours,
and I believe, I believe. What you say of me, I believe.*

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at your feet.

You'll have every failure, God, you'll have every victory.

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing. You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short. And, when I don't belong, you say I am yours,
and I believe, I believe. What you say of me, I believe.*

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Benediction

Let us go from this time of worship now, trusting that we are God's beloved children.

Let us go to live as people of mercy and grace with God's love as our daily bread.

Let us go to live the beloved community into being, knowing that God believes we can.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Song

Your Name

*As morning dawns and evening fades you inspire songs of praise
that rise from earth to touch your heart and glorify your name.*

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower, your name is a shelter like no other,
your name, let the nations sing it louder 'cause nothing has the power to save but your name.*

Jesus, in your name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.

Lord, give us strength to live for you and glorify your name.

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower, your name is a shelter like no other,
your name, let the nations sing it louder 'cause nothing has the power to save but your name.*

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe

Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Dr. Barbara MacGregor, Organist

Courtney Popp, Choir Director

Jeremy Piper, Praise Band Leader

Video Production

Mark Williams

Morning Prayer

Loving God, no matter what I am facing this day—mourning or gladness, giving or receiving—help me to focus on you throughout it all. Then, bring me home safely to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the assurance that I live forgiven and loved by you. I need your grace and hope to share that grace with others. As I face this night, help me to pour out my heart to you and then rest in your peace. Amen.

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Additional Worship Opportunities:

Morning Prayer

***Mondays through Fridays at 9:00 AM
via Zoom***

<https://zoom.us/j/518014483>

Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

via Zoom (Meeting id: 848 4741 1964, Passcode: 195510)

All are welcome to join us for a brief worship service to re-center and re-focus together around scripture and prayer in the middle of the week.

For more information, contact **Pastor Nathan** at **nhowe@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Blessing of Homes

Post-Epiphany - Contact Pastor Nathan to Schedule

In some parts of the world, there is a Christian custom of inviting God's blessing on dwelling places, including both homes and workplaces, and upon all who live, work, or visit there. Along with prayers for God's blessing, the front or main entrance is marked with chalk as a sign and reminder that we have invited God's presence into our homes.

This tradition is rooted in the visit of the magi to the place where the Christ-child resided (Matthew 2.1-12), and so it is most appropriately practiced near or during the season after the Epiphany, on January 6.

If you would like to share in this brief and simple ritual of worship for your home at the beginning of 2021, please contact **Pastor Nathan** (**nhowe@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x101**) with a day and time that would be convenient for you.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

Come join us for the Women's Bible Study on Thursday evenings. We will continue our study of **Fierce Hearted** by Holley Gerth. *"This will take us to new levels with the Lord as we learn to embarrass the unique kind of bravery He has placed inside of us".*

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



GriefShare Welcomes New Participants

Tuesdays via Zoom

We started a new session of GriefShare on January 12, 2020. New participants welcome.

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



Share a story of faith

Share a story of faith in the daily prayer emails. While we are not producing a paper Lenten devotional this year, we are asking for your stories! Simply write a short reflection and add a prayer if you choose.

For a Scripture and date, contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101(beginning now!)



Lent-in-a-Box

Register for a box and receive a code to pick it up February 7-14 just inside our main red doors.

Pick up "**Lent-in-a-Box**" February 7-14 on our church porch. In these boxes you'll find devotional materials for the whole family and other fun things you can hold and use as you creatively explore "Where Your Heart Is" this Lent. Ash Wednesday and other prayer resources will be included. Please pick up one per household!

To reserve a box or to arrange delivery, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105.



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Mugs with a Message

Donations accepted until February 5

Help our mission partner with their school wide-service project!

The Grindstone K-Kids and Mrs. Johnson are working together to sponsor a school wide appreciation campaign to show our thanks and gratitude to our Local Frontline Workers; Berea Police, Fire, Southwest Hospital, and local Nursing Facilities by sending Mugs with a Message.

We are asking that each student and/or staff donate a new/gently used mug. UMCB, you can donate mugs to kids and teachers to put notes in! (Each student and staff member will be given a paper heart to write a short note of thanks for the sacrifice and dedication our frontline workers have demonstrated these past ten months.)

There will be tables outside of Grindstone Elementary up shortly. Just stop by and drop off your mug at your convenience. Each mug will get a heart note of thanks in it, as well as a packet of hot chocolate and will then be given to a frontline worker. **We would like to have mugs and hearts by Friday, February 5th in order to deliver them before February 14th.**

Thank you!

Mrs. Johnson & Pastor Carrie (cantcak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105).



Have a Heart: Supporting OhioGuidestone

Donations accepted January 17-February 15

In the spirit of Jesus Christ, UMCB is about to launch a service project to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We are supporting the work of our ministry partner, OhioGuidestone, by collecting much needed items for their residential youth. Please consider donating: Coats, hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap), youth size clothing (Juniors and young men, XS-3X), underwear and undershirts, and socks. All of these items must be new. Gently used coats may be donated to be shared with other local outreach projects.

A collection box will be out in front of the church at the main entrance on Seminary Street. Volunteers will be posted either inside the church entrance or in the parking lot to monitor collections and thank you for your donations. Please stop by Wednesdays from 4-7pm, or Saturdays from 10-1. The donation dates range from January 17-February 15.

Questions? Contact **Laura Rushton** at (jlaurush@aol.com) or **Pastor Carrie** (cantcak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105).



Equal Exchange

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the church vestibule

Give Equal Exchange chocolate to your special valentine and make someone else's life a little sweeter. Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on the



first Wednesday of each month in the church vestibule from 6:30-7:15 PM. Unable to come to the church? Contact the **church office** at info@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x100** and it may be possible to make other arrangements.

Food Collection for Local Food Pantries

Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM, In Front of the Red Doors on Seminary Street

Collections of food for local food banks will continue with some changes. 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.



Loose Change Offering

Wow, would it be nice to hear our handfuls of loose change “clink clank” on the offering plate again! As a congregation committed to mission, our loose change offering gave a “boost” to the missions and programs that are strengthening our church and communities near and far. We would like to start back up the offering for 2021, even though we won’t have the joy of “noisy change”. Look for a highlighted mission each month in the Caller. You can support by either mailing in an offering, or doing so electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the “other” box to donate the mission or simply “loose change offering”.

Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests, and Care Leaders

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. 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.