

Worship Celebration



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:30 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, in our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation, **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 8AM in-person in the Sanctuary

Sunday at 10:30AM online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos) and in-person in the Sanctuary

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom (meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

For those who are fully vaccinated, facemasks and physical distancing are optional.

Those who are not yet vaccinated are expected to protect themselves and others by wearing facemasks and physically distancing from members of other households.

If you are worshipping with us from home, either by phone or online, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A.D. Miller

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*When the storms of life crash around us, O God, be our quiet center.
When we grow weary and uncertain, pressed in by danger and rumors of danger,
remind us that you have brought us this far by your grace.
Reveal your Presence in the eye of the storm,
and give us courage to remain faithful: true to you and true to your calling.
With thankful hearts and ready minds, we gather to worship you today. Amen.*

+ Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.*

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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—2 Corinthians 6.1-13 (CEB)

¹ Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

² He says, *I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation.* Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!

³ We don't give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our ministry won't be criticized. ⁴ Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. ⁵ We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. ⁶ We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, ⁷ telling the

truth, and God's power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. ⁸We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, ⁹as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, ¹⁰as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything.

¹¹Corinthians, we have spoken openly to you, and our hearts are wide open. ¹²There are no limits to the affection that we feel for you. You are the ones who placed boundaries on your affection for us. ¹³But as a fair trade—I'm talking to you like you are children—open your hearts wide too.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 4.35-41 (CEB)

³⁵Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." ³⁶They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

³⁷Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. ³⁸But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?"

³⁹He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

⁴¹Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Peace Be Still

I don't want to be afraid every time I face the waves.

I don't want to be afraid, I don't want to be afraid.

I don't want to fear the storm just because I hear it roar.

I don't want to fear the storm, I don't want to fear the storm.

Peace be still—say the word and I will set my feet upon the sea till I'm dancing in the deep.

Peace be still—you are here so it is well.

Even when my eyes can't see, I will trust the voice that speaks.

I'm not going to be afraid, 'cause these waves are only waves.

I'm not going to be afraid, I'm not going to be afraid.

I'm not going to fear the storm; you are greater than its roar.

I'm not going to fear the storm, I'm not going to fear at all.

Peace be still—say the word and I will set my feet upon the sea till I'm dancing in the deep.

Peace be still—you are here so it is well.

Even when my eyes can't see, I will trust the voice that speaks.

Peace, peace, over me.

Let faith rise up; O heart, believe. Let faith rise up in me.

Let faith rise up; O heart, believe. Let faith rise up in me.

Peace be still—say the word and I will set my feet upon the sea till I'm dancing in the deep.

Peace be still—you are here so it is well.

Even when my eyes can't see, I will trust the voice that speaks.

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Commissioning Missionaries to the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland (June 21-25, 2021)

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ

are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ.

As these members of our community travel to begin their work through the Nehemiah Mission,
we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their ministry.

*We recognize these persons as ambassadors of this congregation,
and dedicate them to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Through our prayers, we will be united together in ministry.

May God richly bless their labors.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings online (www.umcb.org/donate), by mailing a check to the church office, or in one of the offering plates located just inside the back wall of the Sanctuary, either on your way into our out of the worship space. Through whatever means you give, thank you for your generosity and ongoing commitment to making and maturing 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

Merciful God, we thank you for your eternal presence with us

and for the example of those who have walked before us in faith.

May the offerings of our ministries serve to nurture your people.

May the offerings of our lives support those you seek to defend.

Accept our gifts, we pray, and bless this morning's offerings,

that we might do your will wherever we are called to serve. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake. All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.

In you I rest; in you I found my hope. In you I trust; you never let me go.

I place my life within your hands alone. Be still, my soul.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord.

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past; all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

In you I rest; in you I found my hope. In you I trust; you never let me go.

I place my life within your hands alone. Be still, my soul.

+ Benediction

Let us go now with the blessings of almighty God.
Let us go in peace to be a blessing to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue in A Minor

J. Krebs

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Jeff Acker, *Organ*
Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*

Liturgist

Joanne Mansfield

Video Production

Mark Williams

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, June 20):

Whether I wake to birdsong or sirens
or the deep silence before the dawn,
I awake to your presence, gracious God.
Enable me to trust completely in you
as I meet the challenges of this new day.
Make me watchful for your grace at work;
may all I do be a witness to your glory.
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, June 20):

As I offer myself over to sleep, O God,
I thank you for the gift of rest.
Let me relinquish the cares of this day.
Forgive the ways I have failed you.
Restore me to you and renew my faithfulness,
that I may awake to serve you more,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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The United Methodist Church of Berea Offices will be closed on Monday, June 21 in Observation and Celebration of Juneteenth

Juneteenth celebrates and recognizes the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. On June 19, 1865 --- two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the emancipation of enslaved people would become effective -- African American slaves in Texas finally learned the Civil War was over and they were free.

Recent unrest in response to years of racial injustice has prompted many organizations to recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday for their employees. As stated by The East Ohio Conference: "It will give our employees time to reflect on our nation's past, create time and space for meaningful dialogue among and between our employees and encourage them to take action for a better future."

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.



Virtual Fellowship Hour

Sundays immediately following the 10:30AM worship service

Online via Zoom: meeting id 878 1505 0844, passcode 775348

By phone: 1-888-788-0099, passcode 775348



Tuesday Morning Walks

Tuesdays, 7:30 AM, Meet in the Wallace Lake parking lot

It's always a joy to get outside and get moving. It's also a great way to care for the bodies God has given us and to experience God's presence in creation. All are welcome to join us on any Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. We meet in the parking lot by Wallace Lake and head out on the all-purpose trail that runs beside Valley Parkway.



Opportunities to Serve in Worship

As we continue living our new normal with regard to indoor, in-person worship opportunities for our whole congregation, you are invited to help us offer meaningful worship both online and in person in the Sanctuary by serving in the following ways:

- Serving as an usher, greeting worshipers as they enter the building and providing any needed information.
- Serving as a liturgist, reading scripture lessons.
- Serving on the "A/V team," learning from Mark Williams how to assist with the livestream worship service.

Please contact Pastor Nathan at **440-234-3525 x101** or **nhowe@umcb.org** for more information and to express your interest. You can also express your interest by completing the form at **www.umcb.org/worshipresources**.



Vacation Bible School

Mondays July 12, 19, & 26, August 2 & 9, 6:30-7 PM, Parknol Playground

The Children's Ministry team is excited to host a completely outdoor Vacation Bible School in July. VBS will be held Mondays 6:30-7PM on July 12, 19, 26, and August 2 and 9, at Parknol Playground. Kids and parents or caregivers will enjoy a short Bible story, craft, and game, and be sent home with a snack. While we will have room for "walk-ups", registration is appreciated and helpful. Register online at <https://forms.gle/jl7V5ogUVTaoCRkN8>.

Volunteers are also needed to help with each 10-minute activity. Can't help every Monday? No problem! You can sign up for one time or more!

For a list of roles and open dates or if you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x 105**.



Youth Work Mission

June 21-25

Our youth are excited to go on their work mission trip to the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland this week. During today's service, we send them out with a blessing. A special offering will be also taken for Nehemiah Mission during today's worship service. We hope you'll join us in supporting the vital work in supporting the community of Cleveland.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

Anyone is welcome to join. We are currently studying **You're Loved No Matter What** by Holley Gerth.

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



Launching an After School Program

The missions committee is very excited to share our intention to launch a new ministry in September. With so many children getting behind academically last year, and after assessing the needs and desires of local parents, we'd like to help fill an important need for homework help and tutoring.

Our program will seek to assist families in getting on track academically, and offer an optional faith formation program. On Wednesday afternoons, students kindergarten - high school will arrive between 4 and 4:30 PM for academic help and then be invited to stay for a half hour of faith formation or devotional time. The program will conclude by 5:30 PM.

We will need a small village to support these students. Will you consider helping? For now, we're simply looking for a team of folks who are eager to help and be added to a list of potential team members.

If you'd like to learn more about this new adventure God is calling us to, please let Pastor Carrie know at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105!**



Food Collection for Local Food Pantries

Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00pm, 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.

Information Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations

As an expression of love for our neighbors and for the well-being of our entire community, each of us is encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when we are eligible to do so. All Ohioans age 16 and over are eligible to receive one of the vaccines. Visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> or call 2-1-1 (United Way's 211 HelpLink) on weekdays between 8AM and 4PM to find information about where you can receive the vaccine once you are eligible.

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 & Face Mask Policy

Effective June 7, Beth (Office Manager) will be in the church office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9AM –3PM. She will continue to work from home on Tuesday and Friday. You can reach Beth by email (ebarner@umcb.org), by leaving a voicemail on the church office phone (**440-234-3525 x100**), or by calling **440-710-4498** (Beth's home office phone). All messages will be answered during office hours.

Maryann (Finance & Membership Secretary) is typically available in the Finance office 10AM—3PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The Pastors and Mark (Facilities Manager) are in their offices at varying times based on need.

If your business requires a visit to the church building, it may still be helpful to call in advance to ensure the staff member you wish to see will be available.

Out of an abundance of caution and for the continued protection of all, visitors to the staff offices are required to wear face masks and practice safe distancing.

Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.