

Worship Celebration



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

8 AM + 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)

Wednesday at 7PM (Evening Prayer) in-person in the north lot (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chair.

*(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

Prelude and Fugue

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*Loving God, some of us come to worship filled with anticipation and joy;
others of us come weary and tired.*

Renew us in your Holy Spirit.

Remind us that your steadfast love leads us, follows us, and accompanies us wherever we go.

Increase our faith, that we may not lose heart in the face of life's challenges.

Help us to hear again the words of Christ:

"Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother."

We are yours, O God, and we are family to one another.

Thank you for claiming us as your own.

In the name of Christ, in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit, we live, worship, and pray. Amen.

+ Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

*The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.*

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

*Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.*

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

*Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!*

Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

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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—1 Samuel 8.1-20 (CEB)

¹Now when Samuel got old, he appointed his sons to serve as Israel's judges. ²The name of his oldest son was Joel; the name of the second was Abijah. They served as judges in Beer-sheba. ³But Samuel's sons didn't follow in his footsteps. They tried to turn a profit, they accepted bribes, and they perverted justice.

⁴So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." ⁶It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the LORD.

⁷The LORD answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. ⁸They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. ⁹So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them."

¹⁰ Then Samuel explained everything the LORD had said to the people who were asking for a king.
¹¹ “This is how the king will rule over you,” Samuel said:

“He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. ¹² He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. ¹⁴ He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the LORD won’t answer you.”

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, “No! There must be a king over us ²⁰ so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles.”

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 3.20-35 (CEB)

²⁰ Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, “He’s out of his mind!”

²² The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, “He’s possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons.”

²³ When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: “How can Satan throw Satan out? ²⁴ A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. ²⁵ And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. ²⁶ If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can’t endure. He’s done for. ²⁷ No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. ²⁸ I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. ²⁹ But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever.” ³⁰ He said this because the legal experts were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.”

³¹ His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. ³² A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, “Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you.”

³³ He replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” ³⁴ Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother, sister, and mother.”

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Sermon

Duet

Pie Jesu from “Requiem”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, give eternal rest.

Prayers of the People

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.***

The Great Thanksgiving

If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited this morning to have some simple Communion elements ready—perhaps a bit of bread, a cracker, and/or some juice—to receive as we participate together in the holy mystery of Communion. We will receive the elements at the same time, though not in the same place, trusting that through the presence of the Holy Spirit, our sharing is sacramental as our spirits interact with God's and with one another's. If the risen Christ is present in all times and places, then surely Christ really is present among us even when we are apart. Through God's grace, we trust that we are held in communion with God and with each other.

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You form us in your image and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast.

You deliver us from captivity, make covenant to be our sovereign God,

and speak to us through your prophets, who look for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with the fullness of your creation, we praise your name as we join that unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is your Word made flesh in Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

Christ healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with those who were shut out.

By the baptism of Christ's birth, life, ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection,

you give birth to your church, deliver us from captivity to sin and death,

and make with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night he gave himself so fully, Jesus gathered with the disciples,

took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and shared it, saying:

"Receive, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, again gave thanks to you,

and gave it to the disciples, saying:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

On the day you raised him from the dead, Christ was recognized in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your church continues to share this communion meal.

And so, in remembrance of these and all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered in your spirit and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the real presence of the risen Christ,

that we may be the body of Christ for all who yearn for new life.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,

and one in ministry and mission to all the world,

until Christ comes again in glory and we feast together in communion as your beloved.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in communion with your Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Organ Anthem

The Peace may be exchanged

Dan Locklair

Prayer following Communion

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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+ Benediction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we go from this place,
let us extend grace to all, be faithful to Christ, and never lose hope.
Go in peace, and know that God goes with you.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata in C

Michelle Leclerc

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Jeffrey Jaskolka, *Piano (8am)*
Dr. Barbara MacGregor, *Organ (11am)*
Carly DeCock, *Vocalist*
Courtney Popp, *Vocalist*

Liturgist

Laura Rushton

Video Production

Mark Williams

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Dr. Barbara MacGregor on the occasion of her retirement.

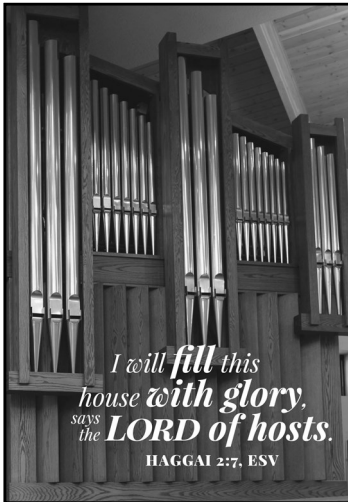
Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, June 6):

God of the morning, awaken us to know that to be resurrected with Jesus means to die with Christ first. May we recognize you in every moment so that whatever we do, we do for your glory, through Jesus Christ, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, June 6):

God, all through this day, you have watched over me and nourished me with blessings too many to count. And still your faithfulness does not slumber or sleep but continues even when the sun goes down. In your presence, I lay down today's burdens. In your presence, may I rise to hear your voice. Amen.

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Last Fall, my husband Mark retired after 55 years as a practicing CPA. Since then, I've been contemplating my own retirement as organist for The United Methodist Church of Berea.

June 6 will be my last Sunday playing for worship, completing seven years of service that I began in June 2014. We are planning to relocate to our home in St. Augustine, Florida, where we hope to see a lot of sunshine!

I've enjoyed working with the staff and members of the congregation and am gratified to have been a part of the church's ministry. Thank you all for this opportunity.

Soli Deo Gloria - To God be the Glory
Barbara MacGregor



Reminder of the Changes to Our Worship Practices

In accordance with these updates from public health officials, in our worship life together, beginning this week:

- we will continue offering online worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM for those who are either unable or uncomfortable gathering in a public setting;
- if you are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online until you are feeling healthy and symptom-free;
- if you are fully vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask or to practice physical distancing;
- if you are not yet fully vaccinated, you are asked to continue wearing a mask and physically distancing from members of other households, in order to protect yourself and other unvaccinated or immunocompromised individuals;
- we will resume singing as a congregation, but only those who are fully vaccinated should do so without wearing a mask.



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/iJ7V5ogUVTaoCRkN8>.

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 Sending

Sunday, June 20, during Worship

Our youth are excited to go on their work mission trip this month to the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. They will be sent out with your prayers during worship on June 20, and work all that week. A special offering will be taken for Nehemiah Mission during that worship service. We hope you'll join us in supporting the vital work in supporting the community of Cleveland.



GriefShare Support Group - New Participants Welcome!

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.

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



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.



Loose Change Offering

As a congregation committed to mission, our loose change offering gives a “boost” to the missions and programs that are strengthening our church and communities near and far. *June’s Loose Change Offering will support the Feed the Kids program. See below for more information about this program and how to help.* Each month, you can support by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the “other” box and marking it “loose change offering”.



Feed the Kids

The Week of August 16

Once again, our church will be participating in the mission to “feed the kids” this summer as they are home from school. Many children depend on the reduced cost or free lunches at school, and are in need of nutritious meals during the summer.

Lunches will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays, 12-1pm, with multiple meals in each bag. Locations are at St. Mary’s School and People’s Community Church. Our church will be providing meals the week of August 16.

We will be looking for volunteers to distribute pre-made lunches. If you’ll be able to serve in this way, please let **Pastor Carrie** know at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.

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 Thursday. 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.