

Worship Celebration

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

10:30 AM

*Taking her by the hand
he said to her,*

“Talitha cumi,”

which means, “Little girl,

I say to you,

arise.”

Mark 5:41. ESV



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 United Methodist Church 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 worshiping 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

+ Opening Songs of Praise

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus, as the people turn and pray.

*From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to you;
from the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.*

May our light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross.

May your glory fill the whole earth as the water over the seas.

*From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to you;
from the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.*

*From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to you;
from the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to you;
from the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.*

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Alive In You

From beginning to the end, all my life is in your hands.

This whole world may hold me down, but it can never drown you out.

I'm not merely flesh and bone. I was made for something more.

You are God, you're the Great I Am. Breath of life, I breathe you in.

Even in the fire, I'm alive in you.

You are strong in my brokenness, sovereign over every step.

Even in the fire, I'm alive, I'm alive in you.

*Through the dark I hear your voice. Rising up, I will rejoice
for I was lost but now I'm found, 'cause even death can't hold you down!*

You are God, you're the Great I Am. Breath of life, I breathe you in.

Even in the fire, I'm alive in you.

You are strong in my brokenness, sovereign over every step.

Even in the fire, I'm alive, I'm alive in you.

It's no longer I who live, but Christ who lives within me, Christ who lives within me.

From beginning to the end, you deserve the glory, you deserve the glory.

It's no longer I who live, but Christ who lives within me, Christ who lives within me.

From beginning to the end, you deserve the glory, you deserve the glory.

You are God, you're the Great I Am. Breath of life, I breathe you in.

Even in the fire, I'm alive in you.

You are strong in my brokenness, sovereign over every step.

Even in the fire, I'm alive, I'm alive in you.

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+ Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

Holy One, in peace and in pain, we call to you, and your answer.

Hear our voices, O God, and help us to hear yours.

Awaken us to your presence. Awaken us to your peace.

Set our feet on the firm foundation of your love. Amen.

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*“The would that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”*

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A Report from the Youth Work Mission Team

‘Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Handbell Choir Anthem

Amazing Grace

Edwin O. Excel

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

Gospel Lesson—Mark 5.21-43 (CEB)

²¹ Jesus crossed the lake again, and on the other side a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. ²² Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came forward. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him, “My daughter is about to die. Please, come and place your hands on her so that she can be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A swarm of people were following Jesus, crowding in on him. ²⁵ A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a lot under the care of many doctors, and had spent everything she had without getting any better. In fact, she had gotten worse. ²⁷ Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. ²⁸ She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I’ll be healed. ²⁹ Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed.

³⁰ At that very moment, Jesus recognized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹ His disciples said to him, “Don’t you see the crowd pressing against you? Yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² But Jesus looked around carefully to see who had done it.

³³ The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He responded, “Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease.”

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking with her, messengers came from the synagogue leader’s house, saying to Jairus, “Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?”

³⁶ But Jesus overheard their report and said to the synagogue leader, “Don’t be afraid; just keep trusting.” ³⁷ He didn’t allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John, James’ brother. ³⁸ They came to the synagogue leader’s house, and he saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “What’s all this commotion and crying about? The child isn’t dead. She’s only sleeping.” ⁴⁰ They laughed at him, but he threw them all out. Then, taking the child’s parents and his

disciples with him, he went to the room where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her hand, he said to her, “*Talitha koum*,” which means, “Young woman, get up.” ⁴²Suddenly the young woman got up and began to walk around. She was 12 years old. They were shocked! ⁴³He gave them strict orders that no one should know what had happened. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Hymn

No Fear

*Right now, anything can happen. Right here, everything can change.
It is time: cast all your cares upon him. Right here, right now, no fear.
Don't fret, just run into his presence. Just know he's got every single tear.
Be cleansed in the holy reign of Jesus. Right here, right now, no fear.
Just turn your eyes upon Jesus. Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, right here, right now, no fear. Right here, right now, no fear.
Take heart, his name is your defender. Be glad and know that he is God.
Don't wait, just run into his presence, right here, right now, no fear.
Just turn your eyes upon Jesus. Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, right here, right now, no fear. Right here, right now, no fear.
Fear not, for he is good. Fear not, for he is God.
Just look to the Savior for he has overcome it all. Fear not, for he is good.
Fear not, for he is good. Fear not, for he is God.
Just look to the Savior for he has overcome it all. Fear not, for he is good.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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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

*God of Mercy, you have given us a love that stretches farther than we can see or even believe.
You have given us a grace and a forgiveness that is deeper than our vulnerabilities.
You have given us a healing and a hope that makes us whole.
Receive now the offerings of our hearts and lives, and bless the world through them. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

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+ Benediction

We have waited for the Lord,
and God has not failed us.

We have reached out for Christ,
and found that Christ has been reaching out for us.

Go in peace, to love and to serve, healed and free.
We will! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

Paul Fey

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Tori Lero, *Handbell Choir Director*
Carmen Massaro, *Organ*
Jeremy Piper, *Praise Band Leader*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

Liturgist

Carol Anne McCleery

Video Production

Duke Antczak

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, June 27):

By your grace, I arise from my bed this morning.
By the power of your Spirit, I draw my breath.
As the dawn brightens to new day,
enlighten my mind with your truth,
and open my heart to all those I meet,
that I might reflect the light of Jesus Christ,
in whose name I give thanks and praise.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, June 27):

As the night deepens, Lord,
I give myself to your care.
For the ways you enabled me
to live faithfully today, thank you.
For the ways I failed to follow Christ,
forgive me.
Receive my life more fully
into your everlasting arms. Amen.

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Virtual Fellowship Hour

Sundays immediately following the 10:30AM worship service

Online via Zoom: meeting id 878 1505 0844 or 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 as an usher, serving as a liturgist, or serving on the "A/V team.

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/jj7V5ogUVTaoCRkN8>.

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**.

Launching an After School Program

The missions committee is very excited to move forward with this new ministry! 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 evenings, students from kindergarten - high school will arrive between 4 and 4:30 PM, receive an hour of academic help, and then be invited to stay for a half hour of faith formation or devotional time, closing at 6 PM. Applications for students will be accepted beginning August 1.

We will need a small village to support these students. Will you consider helping? We need both those with teaching experience and those who can simply run flash cards. We also need a few happy hearts to share the love of God in devotional time. We will assess if kids need tutoring or simply homework help and match their needs with your abilities. The program will run for nine weeks, September 22 -November 17 and again in the spring. Please fill out the volunteer application at: <https://forms.gle/gDBG9hdKXwMaz9ua8>.

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





Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

We are ending our current study book soon and everyone has voted to continue through the summer ... our next book will be: **You're Already Amazing** by Holley Gerth. Simply put, this book is for every woman. Every woman who feels a crack line somewhere in her heart. Every woman who needs to find her way back to hope, Jesus, and everything she was made to be in Christ.

Ladies, come join us for a summer filled adventure! You are welcome to join us any time.

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



Equal Exchange

*July 7 and the First Wednesday of each month, 6:30-7 PM,
at the Red Doors on Seminary Street*

Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on **Wednesday, July 7** and the first Wednesday of each month from **6:30-7 PM** in the **at the Red doors on Seminary Street**. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to care for our planet and our sisters and brothers around the world.

Unable to come to the church? Contact the **church office** at info@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x100** as it may be possible to make other arrangements.



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.

If you have additional questions or can use assistance navigating this process, please do not hesitate to contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.

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 (ebarnier@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.



Bishop Tracy S. Malone presided over the 52nd session of our East Ohio Annual Conference, broadcast live from the John S. Knight Center in Akron, June 16-19, 2021. This year's theme was *Christ Alive In Us!*, and the guiding scripture was Ephesians 2.8-10 (NIV): "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

For a full report on this year's session of the annual conference including links to photos and videos, visit

<https://eocumcnews.com/2021/06/19/east-ohio-annual-conference-2021-christ-alive-in-us/>.