



# Worship Celebration

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

July 11, 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 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](https://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**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

*And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—ten thousand years, and then forevermore!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name,  
worship your holy name, Lord, I'll worship your holy name.*

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### *Way Maker*

*You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are here, working in this place; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are here, working in this place; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,  
my God, that is who you are.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,  
my God, that is who you are.*

*You are here, touching every heart; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are here, healing every heart; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are here, turning lives around, I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are here, mending every heart; I worship you, I worship you.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,  
my God, that is who you are.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,  
my God, that is who you are.*

*Even when I don't see it, you're working. Even when I don't feel it, you're working.*

*You never stop, you never stop working. You never stop, you never stop working.*

*That is who you are. That is who you are.*

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## Words of Welcome

### + Opening Prayer

*Our God, pour out your mercy upon us and all your people.  
Wherever there is despair, fill us with hope.  
Wherever there is sorrow, fill us with comfort.  
Wherever there is brokenness, fill us with healing.  
Wherever there is hatred, fill us with love.  
Wherever there is worry, fill us with an assurance of your presence.  
Gather us in the arms of your grace and glory,  
that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise all the days of our lives.  
In your holy name, we worship, live, and pray. Amen.*

### + Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory (vv. 1, 3-4)*

UMH 577

*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.  
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;  
let 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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## Prayers of the People

## 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 6.14-29 (CEB)

<sup>14</sup>Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him." <sup>15</sup>Others were saying, "He is Elijah." Still others were saying, "He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life."

<sup>17</sup>He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison

because of Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip. Herod had married her, <sup>18</sup>but John told Herod, "It's against the law for you to marry your brother's wife!" <sup>19</sup>So Herodias had it in for John. She wanted to kill him, but she couldn't. <sup>20</sup>This was because Herod respected John. He regarded him as a righteous and holy person, so he protected him. John's words greatly confused Herod, yet he enjoyed listening to him.

<sup>21</sup>Finally, the time was right. It was on one of Herod's birthdays, when he had prepared a feast for his high-ranking officials and military officers and Galilee's leading residents. <sup>22</sup>Herod's daughter Herodias came in and danced, thrilling Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the young woman, "Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>Then he swore to her, "Whatever you ask I will give to you, even as much as half of my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup>She left the banquet hall and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

"John the Baptist's head," Herodias replied.

<sup>25</sup>Hurrying back to the ruler, she made her request: "I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a plate, right this minute." <sup>26</sup>Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests, he didn't want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>So he ordered a guard to bring John's head. The guard went to the prison, cut off John's head, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a plate, and gave it to the young woman, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came and took his dead body and laid it in a tomb.

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

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

### Hymn of Preparation

*Come to the Table of Grace*

WS 3168

***Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.***

***Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.***

***Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.***

***Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.***

*Come to the Table of Grace / Barbara Hamm / 2008 Hope Publishing Company /  
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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](http://www.umcb.org/donate)), by mailing a check to the church office, or in ne 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

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***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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## **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,  
Holy and Triune God, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning, you moved over the face of the waters.

***You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.***

When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

***Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your word.***

And so, with the fullness of your creation, we praise your name and 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, O God, ever creating and ever moving among your people,

raising up those who have been pressed low,

amplifying the voices of those on the margins,

and through their lives and stories, declaring your jubilee, release and restoration for all.

Holy are you, O God, embodied in Jesus, showing the way, teaching the truth,

living the life of your Spirit in the face of ridicule, rejection, and execution,

and rising to announce the triumph of your self-giving love.

***When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,***

***baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire***

***and sending us out to the ends of the earth.***

On the night in which he gave himself fully for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

***“Receive; eat. This is my body, given for you. Remember me.”***

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

gave it to the disciples, and said:

***“Receive; drink. This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. Remember me.”***

And so, in the breaking of bread and the sharing of a cup,

we remember you, O God, our Source and our End:

***Jesus Christ, crucified, you call and claim us;***

***risen, you have raised us;***

***coming again, you make all things new.***

Even so, come now, Lord Jesus. ***Come now, Lord Jesus.***  
Come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit. ***Come, Holy Spirit, come.***  
Come upon these gifts of bread and wine. ***Make them be for us your body and blood.***  
Make us what Jesus prayed we would be: ***one body, empowered by your love.***

One in service, one in witness, one in compassion, one in doing and speaking up for justice,  
and one, even now, in prayer as we say:  
***Lord, have mercy.***

One with all persons in poverty or slavery, one with all who live in fear,  
one with all who struggle with addictions of any kind,  
and one with all who are subject to unjust treatment because of who they are.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

One with the earth and all creatures upon it: the riches in its depths,  
the fragility of its air and water.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

One in praying and working toward peace among all peoples:  
for all who work to sustain our lives as teachers, healthcare workers, and civil servants,  
builders and maintainers of roads, homes, and sources of power.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

One with families, friends, and neighbors, near and far, like us and different from us;  
one with all who need your healing power.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

May this food and drink be holy and nourish us in holy communion this day and every day  
as on that day when we will feast together with you in your new creation.  
Now and ever, all glory to you, Holy Spirit, Holy Word, Holy Source and End  
of all that was and is and is to come.  
***Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Hymn**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

UMH 626

### **Prayer following Communion**

***Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
by which you nourish all your people  
and make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in mission and ministry to all the world.  
Send us now in the strength of your Holy Spirit  
and in communion with all your saints,  
that we might be living signs that your beloved community is now here.  
Amen.***

# We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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+ Benediction

Go out into the world with the blessings of God.

*We will go to serve, celebrating God's presence along the way.*

Go out with the inheritance of God's grace.

*We will sing and shout our praise, as we share Christ's good news with others.*

Go out, sealed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*We will go to express our faith and hope, as we live our lives in God.*

*Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Postlude

*Toccata in F Major, BuxVW 157*

Dieterich Buxtehude

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

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## **Worship Participants**

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Music**

Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*  
Marlynda Dziak, *Guitar*  
Van Parker, *Organ*  
Jeremy Piper, *Praise Band Leader*

### **Liturgist**

Sandy Marek

### **Video Production**

Mark Williams

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Carol Hemker by Sara Phillips.

**Morning Prayer** (week of Sunday, July 11):

Creator of light,  
I greet you as the morning dawns.  
Thank you for this new day.  
May it be for me a sign and anticipation  
of your coming beloved community.  
Fill me with the energy I will need  
to love all whom I will meet today.  
Receive my mind, body, and spirit  
as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving  
for the love you show me in Christ. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** (week of Sunday, July 11):

Faithful God, where I am now  
the earth is turning away from the sun  
so that for other parts of the world,  
the day is just beginning.  
Thank you for abiding with us  
through the day and through the night.  
As I gather up my thoughts on this past day,  
guide my meditation.  
And now, let me find rest in your presence.  
Amen.

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**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



**Sunday Afternoon Hikes**

**July 18 and August 22, 4 PM**

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us for two upcoming hikes through our local parks.

**July 18** at Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Road, Columbia Station)

**August 22** at Bradley Woods (Bradley Road, Westlake).

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on Thursday, July 15 or Thursday, August 19 to **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x 105**.



## 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! You are welcome to join us any time.

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **440-409-5931** or [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com).



## Adult Faith Formation Survey

As we prepare for fall and the kick-off of a new faith formation year, please share with us your thoughts about participation in groups this upcoming season by taking the linked survey. It should take less than 5 minutes, but provide us with the insight we need to plan a fruitful faith formation year for our congregation and community. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/KR9iHnFBqYi4Y8f77>



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, July 22, 1 to 6 PM, Fellowship Hall**

Come to give blood and receive one ticket to a Cedar Fair theme park of your choice, while supplies last! To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: *CedarPoint* or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.

Come to give July 1-31 and you'll also be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm!

*Includes travel, hotel, park admission and more! Terms and conditions apply, visit [rcblood.org/CedarFair](http://rcblood.org/CedarFair) for details.*



## 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](mailto: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 in front of the the red doors, flash a church member will come 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](http://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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x101**.

**A Teapot in Search of a Home**

The display in the Parlor hutch has been changed. There is one teapot without any identifying owner label that needs to be returned (after so many months I can not remember who lent the teapot for display). The teapot is shaped like a rose bud and has colors like a "peace" rose (pink and yellow).

If this belongs to you, please contact **Cass Beckman** at **440-234-4839**.

## Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests, and Care Leaders

Please reach out to **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto: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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).

## Staff Office Hours & Face Mask Policy

*Effective June 7, 2021*

### Beth Barner, Office Manager

Monday 9AM – 3PM  
Tuesday Working from home  
Wednesday 9AM – 3PM  
Thursday 9AM – 3PM  
Friday Working from home

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### Pastor Nathan Howe

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### Pastor Carrie Antczak

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### Maryann Herron, Finance & Membership

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Wednesday 10AM—3PM  
Thursday Closed  
Friday 10AM—3PM

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### Mark Williams, Facilities Manager

Office Hours varying based on need

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*If your business requires a visit to the church, it may 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.***