



Worship Celebration

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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) 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

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Louis Vierne

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

From far and near, we gather to be close to you, O God. But always, you dwell in and with us. No matter how far we wander, your Spirit is as near to us as our very breath.

Flow through our worship this day.

*Speak through our words, breathe into our thoughts,
and gather us together as one community of faith.*

Build us together on the foundation that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Flow through our days, that we may be reflections of your presence.

In your holy name, we worship, live, and pray. Amen.

+ Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.*

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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.*

First Lesson—Ephesians 2.11-22 (CEB)

¹¹So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called “uncircumcised” by Jews who are physically circumcised. ¹²At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God's promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. ¹³But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. ¹⁵He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. ¹⁶He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

¹⁷When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. ¹⁸We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit.

¹⁹ So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. ²⁰ As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. ²² Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 6.30-34, 53-56 (CEB)

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. ³¹ Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while." ³² They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

³³ Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. ³⁴ When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things....

⁵³ When Jesus and his disciples had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret, anchored the boat, ⁵⁴ and came ashore. People immediately recognized Jesus ⁵⁵ and ran around that whole region bringing sick people on their mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ Wherever he went—villages, cities, or farming communities—they would place the sick in the marketplaces and beg him to allow them to touch even the hem of his clothing. Everyone who touched him was healed.

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Sermon

+ Hymn

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

WS 3122

Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are.

Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears, cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!

God has called us, one and all; Christ has broken down the wall!

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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 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

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

*Holy Spirit, flow through these gifts we return to you now.
Dwell in them as you dwell in us,
that others may know your abiding presence and your steadfast love.
In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH 548

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

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+ Benediction

From far and near, east and west, we have been brought close to one another in the heart of God.
As we go out into the world now, may we remember that God dwells in us, wherever we go.
Let us go out as people who are being built into a temple of peace,
breaking down walls of division wherever we go.

Postlude

"Little" Fugue in G Minor (BWV 578)

J.S. Bach

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Megan Denman, *Organ*
Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*
Courtney Popp, *Vocalist*

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

Video Production

Mark Williams

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 18):

Holy One, Holy Three, I praise you as I awaken.
Awaken my body to the wonder of life.
Let me see all people as your beloved children.
Let me bear witness to your goodness
in my words, my actions, and my silences
so that you can use me
to draw others into your presence. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 18):

Holy God, thank you for another day.
Thank you for all whom I met
who showed me your kindness.
Help me to turn from all that separates me
from you and from others.
Let me receive your blessings of forgiveness
and share those same blessings with others.
May my whole life be an offering
of praise and thanksgiving to you. 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



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.



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**.



Faith Formation Surveys

As we relaunch our faith formation programs, we greatly appreciate your input for each age group. Thank for you taking the time to fill out this quick survey which will help us shape our ministries this year:

Children & Youth: <https://forms.gle/FKzPApGtRN5ymrmT9>

Adults: <https://forms.gle/Xw8Un7guZCLNA4oB8>

They 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. Children's and Youth surveys will follow in the coming weeks. Thank you!



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We are studying **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.



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 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 for details.



Now Collecting Gently Used Children's Books and School Supplies

August 15, we will host our annual back-to-school resource fair and Messy Church! We would like to offer to our guests school supply kits and gently used books. The Ecumenical Youth Group will be putting together school kits on August 1. Please be sure to donate items by that morning. Gently used books can be dropped off anytime before August 15 for organizing. Thank you for supporting our community's kids!



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 red doors, 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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.



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!

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, 2021

Beth Barner, Office Manager

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

Email ebarner@umcb.org

Office Phone 440-234-3525 x100

Work Cell 440-710-4498

Pastor Nathan Howe

Office Hours varying based on need

Email nhowe@umcb.org

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Pastor Carrie Antczak

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Maryann Herron, Finance & Membership

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

Email mherron@umcb.org

Office Phone 440-234-3525 x103

Mark Williams, Facilities Manager

Office Hours varying based on need

Email mwilliams@umcb.org

Office Phone 440-234-3525 x102

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.