



Worship Celebration

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 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

Sonata Op. 49, No. 2, Allegro ma non troppo

Ludwig van Beethoven

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

We come to worship together today, bringing our lives, bringing our gifts.

All are welcome here.

From a strong root of love, anything is possible.

Rooted in love, Jesus taught, healed, and fed; lived and died.

Because of love, we are connected to one another,

creating families and friendships, finding community.

Out of love, we grow as disciples, growing in mercy and grace,

growing with love as the foundation and center of our lives.

+ Songs of Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

***Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.
One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.***

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Willingly we choose to surrender our lives, willingly our knees will bow.

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship / Brian Doerksen / 1998 Vineyard Songs / Used by permission. CCLI License #2333566

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill with the light of day.***

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays.

Stars and angels sing around thee center of unbroken praise.

***Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.***

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;

love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!

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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 3.14-21 (CEB)

¹⁴This is why I kneel before the Father. ¹⁵Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. ¹⁶I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. ¹⁷I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, ¹⁸I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. ¹⁹I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

²⁰Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; ²¹glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—John 6.1-21 (CEB)

¹After this Jesus went across the Galilee Sea (that is, the Tiberias Sea). ²A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. ³Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. ⁴It was nearly time for Passover, the Jewish festival.

⁵Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, "Where will we buy food to feed these people?" ⁶Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip replied, "More than a half year's salary worth of food wouldn't be enough for each person to have even a little bit."

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, ⁹"A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. ¹²When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, "This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world." ¹⁵Jesus understood that they were about to come and force him to be their king, so he took refuge again, alone on a mountain.

¹⁶When evening came, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. ¹⁷They got into a boat and were crossing the lake to Capernaum. It was already getting dark and Jesus hadn't come to them yet. ¹⁸The water was getting rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When the wind had driven them out for about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He was approaching the boat and they were afraid. ²⁰He said to them, "I Am. Don't be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and just then the boat reached the land where they had been heading.

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Children's Message

Sermon

+ Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (vv. 1-2, 5)

UMH 629

***You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

***As when a shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.***

***You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

***With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.***

***You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

***You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.***

***You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

As we join our hearts to lift our prayers to God, we invite you to share your concerns and joys. You can submit your prayer request any time during the week to Pastor Nathan (440-234-3525 x101, nhowe@umcb.org), the church office (440-234-3525 x100), or online at www.umcb.org/worshipresources.

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

In your love, O God, nothing is lost.

***As Jesus gathered the leftover food after feeding the five thousand,
gather our offerings into your service.***

***As Jesus gathered the longing of those who followed him,
gather our longing to do your will.***

***As Jesus gathered those who had been excluded, inviting them to your feast,
gather our fellowship into the company of all your saints.***

Bless the gifts we give in your name, that nothing may be lost. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

***How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?***

***Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.***

***If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.***

*When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.*

*So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at homes, or in the street.*

*Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.*

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+ Benediction

May we know the love of Christ. May we dwell in this abundant gift.

May we be rooted and grown in love for our neighbors.

From the strong root of love, let go out to share God's love with the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

I Love Thee My Lord

George Shearing

***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*
Jeremy Piper, *Praise Band Leader*

Liturgist

Julie Swartz

Video Production

Mark Williams

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 25):

Praise to you, God of the morning and the night.
May I be so filled with the Holy Spirit this day
that peace and compassion radiate from me
to bless others so that they are touched by you.
Make me slow to anger, quick to forgive,
and quicker still to acknowledge my faults.
Let me finish the day as I now begin it:
in your care,
in your gentle, loving hands. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 25):

Holy triune God, thank you for the love
you have shown me today.
The gifts of air, water, food, and clothing;
the gifts of companionship and community;
the gift of the Spirit around me
and Christ within me.
Let me find rest in you now,
and by your grace may I rise again to a new day,
ready to serve you. Amen.

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My Reflections on the 2021 East Ohio Annual Conference

Jeff Zeager

This year's Annual Conference was the first I have ever attended which meant it was a new and exciting experience for me. With the event being live-streamed from the John S. Knight Center in Akron, I needed to prepare myself for on-line business meetings as best I could by reading the Pre-Conference Workbook, attending a training for the on-line voting system and ensuring the my technology at home was up to the task. From my perspective, the business portions of the Annual Conference went quite well, and I want to thank everyone involved in running those meetings so smoothly. Those of you interested in all of the details should visit the Conference's website <https://www.eocumc.com/eoac21/index.html> and click on the Resources tab on the right side near the top of the page. There you find the agenda, the budgets, the resolutions and so on.

Ironically, by focusing on the practical details I left myself somewhat spiritually unprepared for the power of the worship services and celebrations. I had mistakenly believed that Annual Conference was all business with just a few prayers at the beginning of meetings. In reality, Annual Conference is a beautiful and powerful combination of celebration and worship with a few business meetings sprinkled in. This year's theme was "Christ Alive in Us" and I encourage each of you to take some time to experience that joy by watching the videos of the worship services. Go to <https://www.eocumc.com/eoac21/index.html> and scroll down to "Services and Celebrations" in the bottom right corner. Thanks be to God for Pastor Nathan who chaired the Worship Committee that put together such an amazing program and to Pastor Carrie who gave a beautiful sermon during the Friday morning worship. Thanks be to God for the leadership of Bishop Malone and those who make it possible for all of us to continue Christ's work in our community and throughout the world.



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.



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!



Vacation Bible School

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

At our completely outdoor Vacation Bible School, 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 at <https://forms.gle/jj7V5ogUVTaoCRkN8> is appreciated.

To volunteer to help or if you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, August 9, 6:30-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

The Read and Grow Book Discussion Group will start meeting in Fellowship Hall on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8 PM. On **August 9** we will discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

If anyone has questions, please contact either
Betsy Meikle at 440-243-5767 or **Janet Mallarnee** at 440-235-7331.



Ecumenical Youth Group

August 1, 4 PM, Wallace Lake

Youth and Tweens 4th-12th Grade are invited to join us at our kick-off Ecumenical Youth Group picnic and more at Wallace Lake on August 1st at 4 PM. Bring a snack to share, your own beverage, and some school supplies. We'll play games, enjoy food, and be in service putting together school kits for the back-to-school fair.

We're excited to relaunch this Ecumenical Youth Group with several participating churches. Join us 4th Sundays at 5 PM at UMCB for an exciting youth group experience. Tweens 4th-6th grade and youth 7th-12th grade will meet separately for discussion groups, and come together for fun activities. We'll need both adults and YOUTH to help plan these group events.

Contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org/ 440-234-3525 x 105
if you'd like to be a part of the team!



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!



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.

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!



Equal Exchange

August 4, 6:30-7 PM, at the Red Doors on Seminary Street

Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on **Wednesday, August 4** and the first Wednesday of each month from **6:30-7 PM** in the **at the Red doors on Seminary Street**.

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

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to care for our planet and our sisters and brothers around the world.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, July 25

FaithLink via Zoom
9 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

In-Person Worship
8 AM, Sanctuary

In- Person & Online Worship
10:30 AM / Sanctuary or
[Join at http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

Fellowship Hour via Zoom
11:30 AM /

[Join at https://umcb.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=ec63d6079a3f516793a3b5c8a&id=e86571a8f9&e=68e2
17cfb7](https://umcb.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ec63d6079a3f516793a3b5c8a&id=e86571a8f9&e=68e217cfb7)

Monday, July 26

Morning Prayer via Zoom
9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Vacation Bible School
6:30 PM – 7 PM, Parknoll Playground /
[Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Tuesday, July 27

Morning Walk
7:30 AM, Wallace Lake / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Morning Prayer via Zoom
9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Memorial Service for Al Wheaton
3 PM, live-streamed at [http://www.facebook.com/
umcberea/videos](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

Wednesday, July 28

Morning Prayer via Zoom
9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Food Collection for Local Food Pantries
4 PM – 7 PM, Seminary Street side of the building

Thursday, July 29

Morning Prayer via Zoom
9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Women's Study via Zoom
6:30 pm / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at
marylynn482@gmail.com](#)
(Currently Studying **Already Amazing** by Holley Gerth)

Friday, July 30

Morning Prayer via Zoom
9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Saturday, July 31

Sunday, August 1

FaithLink via Zoom
9 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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Ecumenical Youth Group
4 PM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM – 3 PM
Tuesday: Beth works from home
Wednesday: 9 AM – 3 PM
Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM
Friday: Beth works from home

*When working from home, Beth can be reached by email
(ebarner@umcb.org) or cell phone (440-710-4498).
She will also return voicemails left on the
church office phone (440-234-3525 x100).*

Many of our staff members have hours based on need.
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.

Office Mask Policy

As an expression of love for our entire community,
especially those with compromised immune systems or
who are unable to be vaccinated, visitors to the staff offices
are **required** to wear face masks regardless of their
vaccination status. Masks will be provided for those who
do not have them.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.