



Worship Celebration

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 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

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*Almighty God, renew us with your presence this day.
As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise,
bless us with your glorious love and guiding light.
Strengthen us each and every moment
through the power of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom of your holy word.
In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.*

+ Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.*

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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—Psalm 24 (NRSV)

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
- ² for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
- ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
- ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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

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

Second Lesson—Ephesians 1.3-14 (CEB)

³Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. ⁴God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. ⁵God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan ⁶and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. ⁷We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, ⁸which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. ⁹God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. ¹⁰This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. ¹¹We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. ¹²We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. ¹³You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. ¹⁴The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

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Sermon

Hymn

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.

My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you. You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory for you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal. Now and forever God, you reign.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory, yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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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 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

*Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your glory in the world.
For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we give you thanks and praise.
As you receive our gifts and offerings, receive us also.
Bless all together, that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing to others
in a way that honors you. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

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+ Benediction

Children of light, go now to shine with God's glory and love.

We will shine brightly and love unconditionally.

Honor God with all you say and do.

By grace, we will build a better world for all to live. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

*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*
Courtney Popp, *Vocalist*

Liturgist

Cindy McCowen

Video Production

Mark Williams

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of JoAnne Hahn by Laura Rushton.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 4):

Fire of life, thank you for bring me
safely through the night.
As this new day dawns,
let me receive it as a gift and a blessing.
Open my mind and senses to be fully awake to you.
Attune my body to the rhythms of the day
so I can love and serve others as you guide me.
Remind me that in life and in death I belong to you.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 4):

Holy One, I lift my evening prayer
as shadows cover me
and night sounds come from hidden places.
But darkness is not dark to you,
so I ask that you hear my prayers
and see me through the night.
Forgive my unholiness;
reconcile me by your grace.
For the sake of the risen Christ,
this night grant me peace. Amen.

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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.



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.



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**.



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.



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.



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.



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!**

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**.

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

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Office Phone **440-234-3525 x101**

Pastor Carrie Antczak

Office Hours varying based on need

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Office Phone **440-234-3525 x105**

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.