



Worship Celebration

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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/umcherea/videos) and in-person in the Sanctuary

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom (meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

In accordance with CDC guidelines and our county's current "substantial" transmission risk, we require that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear face masks throughout their time in our building.

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

BWV 554

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

As the Spirit gathers us to sing and to praise,
we give thanks to God.

As the Spirit prepares us to discern and to move toward understanding,
we give thanks to God.

As the Spirit opens us to God's wisdom and truth,
we give thanks to God.

In the presence of the Spirit, let us be gathered together in thanksgiving and in joy!

+ Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

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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 - Psalm 34.9-14 (CEB)

⁹You who are the LORD's holy ones, honor him,
because those who honor him don't lack a thing.

¹⁰Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹Come, children, listen to me.

Let me teach you how to honor the LORD:

¹²Do you love life;
do you relish the chance to enjoy good things?

¹³Then you must keep your tongue from evil
and keep your lips from speaking lies!

¹⁴Turn away from evil! Do good!
Seek peace and go after it!

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson - Ephesians 5.15-20 (CEB)

¹⁵ So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. ¹⁶ Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. ¹⁷ Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. ¹⁸ Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: ¹⁹ speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; ²⁰ always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Sermon

+ Hymn

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil
**Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.**

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**Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loves us.
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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 or 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

***Bread of Life, we give you our thanks and praise for your glorious deeds
that inspire our actions and feed our creativity.***

***We give you our gratitude and praise for your wondrous works
that warm our hearts and enlighten our minds.***

***May these gifts and our lives now be bread and blessing for the world.
In your name, Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

*Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

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+ Benediction

God, who is faithful, sends us forth with Christ's constant presence.

We go with God's blessings to be a blessing to the world.

God, who is wise, sends us forth to be honest and just.

We go with God's blessings to be a blessing to the world.

Go into the world, knowing that God goes with you and already is there.

We will! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lord of Glory Who Hast Bought Us

Paul Manz

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

Worship Participants

Pastor

Rev. Carrie Antczak

Guest Preacher

Rev. Linda McCowen

Music

Megan Denman, *Organ*

Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*

Courtney Popp, *Vocalist*

Liturgist

Betsy Meikle

Video Production

Mark Williams

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 15):

I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks
for the gift of this new day.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit.
Let your songs fill my heart.
Give me a wise and discerning mind
to walk in your way. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 15):

Gracious and merciful God,
I have gone out and come in today
seeking to do your will,
yet there is much I do not understand.
I commit to you my questions, concerns,
and anxieties.
Grant me rest in your peace. Amen.

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New Worship Schedule beginning Sunday, August 29

Sundays at 9 AM in the Sanctuary and 11 AM in Wesley Hall

Beginning Sunday, August 29, we will offer two in-person worship services on Sundays:

Traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 9 AM

Modern worship in Wesley Hall at 11 AM

As of July 29, the level of community transmission for Cuyahoga is 64.1 new cases per 100,000 persons, therefore rating our risk of transmission as "substantial." In accordance with CDC guidelines, we will require that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear face masks throughout their time in our building, effective immediately and whenever our county rating is "substantial" or "high." When our county returns to a rating of "moderate" or "low," face masks again will be optional for those who are fully vaccinated and expected for those who are not. If you are ill or experiencing symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.

The 9 AM worship service from the Sanctuary will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/umcberea/live. Bulletins to guide your participation can be found at www.umcb.org/worshipresources. The service will be available to view later on our [Facebook page](#).

On **Sunday, September 12**, we will resume fellowship and faith formation classes at **10 AM**.



Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord: Join our Music Ministry

We are combining our Chancel and NEWSingers Choirs to form a **new choir** that will sing during the 9 AM worship service on Sundays in the Sanctuary. The choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 7 PM in the Parlor**, beginning Thursday, September 9. For more information, please contact **Courtney Popp** (cpopp@umcb.org) or Margaret Proctor (margaret.proctor@sbcglobal.net).

The **handbell choir** is always looking for new joyful ringers, and you do not need to have any prior music experience to participate. The handbell choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 6 PM** in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact **Tori Lero** (tlero@umcb.org).

The **praise band**, which helps to lead our 11 AM worship service in Wesley Hall, always is open to welcoming new singers, joining their voices to help the congregation sing praise to God. For more information, please contact **Jeremy Piper** (jeremy@jeremypiper.com).



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 Hike

August 22, 4 PM

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us for a hike through our local park on **August 22** at Bradley Woods (Bradley Road, Westlake).

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



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Cleveland vs. Boston Red Sox

Saturday, August 28 at 4:05 PM at Progressive Field

Invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family for an afternoon at Progressive Field as Cleveland takes on the Boston Red Sox. Those who would like to carpool from Berea are invited to meet in our parking lot at 3 PM. Tickets are \$25 each, payable to "UMCB," and the deadline to reserve your ticket(s) is Monday, August 23 (or when we run out of tickets).

For more information and to reserve your tickets, contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



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.



Blessing a New School Year!

August 22 in worship

Join us in worship on August 22 as we bless our students and musicians for a new school year. Bring your backpack as we celebrate another new year of learning. Bring an instrument as we celebrate another new year of music, and even share a few notes with us! Participants will receive a backpack tag to remind them of God's love, and our love, all year long.

We will also be collecting notes of encouragement for Grindstone Elementary teachers and staff. Thank you for your prayerful support of our community's children and educators!



Looking for a Large Canopy

Do you own or know where we might borrow a large canopy tent for the fall season? We would love to set one up for a couple months throughout the fall on our North Lawn as we make more outdoor space for groups to meet safely.

If you have a tent or know where we might find one, please reach out to Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



Faith Formation Surveys

As we relaunch our faith formation programs, we greatly appreciate your input for each age group. Thank 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. Thank you!



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

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.



2022 UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 6:30 PM, Parlor

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we are planning to travel again in 2022 to the UMCOR Depot at Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. The dates of our 2022 trip will be March 6-11 and March 13-18, 2022, and you can plan to participate either or both of those weeks. Join us on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor to learn more about this mission opportunity.

Please RSVP to Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101 by **Thursday, August 19** if you plan to attend this informational meeting and/or for more information.



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!



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.

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 12 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.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, August 15

Caller Submission Due

Place in church office mail box or send to info@umcb.org

In-Person Worship

8 AM, Sanctuary

FaithLink via Zoom

9 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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 online](#)

Messy Church

3:30 - 6 PM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, August 16

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM - 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM, Fall's Family Restaurant (Lunch only, No Meeting)

Tuesday, August 17

Morning Walk

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

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM - 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Quilters

9:30 AM, Gathering Place

Wednesday, August 18

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, August 19

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)

Homework Helpers Training

7 PM, Fellowship Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Friday, August 20

Morning Prayer via Zoom

9 AM - 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Saturday, August 21

Harlamert Memorial Service

11 AM, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 22

In-Person Worship

8 AM, Sanctuary

FaithLink via Zoom

9 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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11:30 AM / [Join online](#)

Bradley Woods Hike

4 PM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Contact Pastor Nathan at

440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org

Contact Pastor Carrie at

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 (ebartner@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.