

Worship Celebration

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 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)

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.

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Paul Manz

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*Bread of heaven, feed us till we want no more.
Nourish our parched spirits, and strengthen our weary hearts.
Gather us together as one, that we might build one another up.
Breathe your Spirit into our worship and speak through our voices,
that we may speak words of truth and help
and share moments of hope and love.
Bread of heaven, feed us till we want no more. Amen.*

+ Songs of Praise

Love The Lord

*Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength;
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul with all your mind, and with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength;
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

*I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind. and with all my strength;
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind. and with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength;
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.*

*I will love You (I will love You). I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You). I will trust You, Lord (I will trust You)
With all my heart with all my soul, with all my mind with all my strength;
With all my heart with all my soul, with all my mind with all my strength;*

*I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength;
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength;
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.*

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Because Of Your Love

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*As we come into Your presence, we remember ev'ry blessing
that You've poured out so freely from above;
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing,
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done.*

*Because of Your love we're forgiven; Because of Your love our hearts are clean;
We lift You up with songs of freedom; Forever we're changed because of Your love.
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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 4.25-5.2 (CEB)

²⁵ Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, *Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor* because we are parts of each other in the same body. ²⁶ *Be angry without sinning.* Don't let the sun set on your anger. ²⁷ Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

²⁹ Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. ³⁰ Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. ³² Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

⁵ Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. ² Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—John 6.35, 41-51 (CEB)

³⁵ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ The Jewish opposition grumbled about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

⁴² They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, Joseph's son, whose mother and father we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus responded, "Don't grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, And they *will all be taught by God.* Everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

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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

*As you have filled our lives with love, O God,
quench the thirst of those yearning for this love through the gifts we bring today.
As you have fed us with the bread of your constant presence,
feed the needs of your world with these gifts and through our presence with our neighbors.
Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Let There Be Peace On Earth

UMH 431

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

Let There be Peace On Earth / Jill Jackson, Sy Miller / 1955 Renewed 1983 Jan-Lee Music /

+ Benediction

Fed by the bread of life, may we share words of life and hope with others.

Fed by the love of God, may we live God's love and compassion in all we say and do.

Go now: to live your lives with love, to follow the example of Christ,
to give yourself in service to others.

Go now, filled with the peace of God.

We will! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us

Johann Walther

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

Worship Participants

Pastor

Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Megan Denman, *Organ*

Grace Dahl, *Vocalist*

Courtney Popp, *Vocalist*

Jeremy Piper, *Praise Band Leader*

Liturgist

Barbara Peterson

Video Production

Mark Williams

The altar flowers are given in memory of Jan Harlamert by The Mareks.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 8):

God of the morning watches,
my soul waits for you, and I hope in your word.
Bread of life, nourish, strengthen,
and accompany me throughout this day,
that I may labor honestly, share with those in need,
and imitate your love in all things. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 8):

God of peace, thank you for the gift of this day.
There is forgiveness in you always,
so I know that where I have fallen short,
you already cover me.
Let your steadfast love continue
to cleanse, comfort, and keep me
throughout the coming night. 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 also be available to view later on our [Facebook page](#).



Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord - Join the Handbell Choir!

Thursdays beginning August 12, 6 PM, Sanctuary

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, beginning **Thursday, August 12**.

For more information, please contact Tori Lero (tlero@umcb.org).



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



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**.



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.



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, August 9 meeting cancelled due to lack of book availability.

September 13, 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 **September 13** we will discuss **Searching for Sylvie Lee** by Jean Kwok.

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



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!



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. Thank you!



2021 Baldwin Wallace Back-to-Class Grab-and-Go Breakfast

Monday, August 23 from 9 AM to 1 PM,

Donations collected until Sunday, August 15

As we gear up for the launch of a new United Methodist Student Ministry, we are once again planning to have a Grab-and-Go Breakfast for our student neighbors on the first day of class. Your help in providing donations is key to this being a success! We are looking for items like Pop-Tarts, Nutri-Grain Bars, Nature Valley Granola Bars, bottles of water, and small bottles of juice or Gatorade. Items can be dropped off in the collection bin located in the hallway outside the Sanctuary by **Sunday, August 15**. Thank you for your generosity!



Now Collecting Gently Used Children's Books

August 15, we will host our annual back-to-school resource fair and Messy Church! We would like to offer to our guests gently used books. Gently used books can be dropped off anytime before August 15 for organizing. Thank you for supporting our community's kids!



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!

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, August 8

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](#)

Monday, August 9

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11:30 AM, Maya Mexico (Lunch only, No Meeting)

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Vacation Bible School

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

Tuesday, August 10

Morning Walk

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

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Church Council

7:00 PM, TBA

Wednesday, August 11

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 12

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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

(Currently Studying *Already Amazing* by Holley Gerth)

Friday, August 13

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, August 14

UMW Executive Board

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

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

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Fellowship Hour via Zoom

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

Messy Church

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

Contact Pastor Nathan at

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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 (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.