

Worship Celebration

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17, NRSV



*Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

October 3, 2021 + 9 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 9AM in-person in the Sanctuary and online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

Sunday at 11AM in-person in Wesley Hall

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom
(1-888-788-0099, meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

In accordance with CDC guidelines and our county's current "high" 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

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

We meet in different places.

We speak different languages and sing different songs.

We wear different clothing and express different gifts and skills.

***Yet, whenever we gather together in worship,
we become one body, one family in Christ.***

We join together on one journey,

the journey of uniting with the Risen Christ.

We join together with God as the beloved community comes and God's will is done.

Let us be in true communion with all our sisters and brothers and with God.

+ Hymn

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

***Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!***

***I once was lost but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.***

***'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear ;
and grace my fears relieved.***

***How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.***

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

***And like a flood His mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.***

***The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.***

***He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.***

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

***And like a flood His mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.***

***The earth shall soon dissolve like snow.
the sun forbear to shine.***

***But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine,***

***will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.***

We Grow in God's Word

Recognition of the Disciple Bible Study Graduates

Presentation of Bibles

Students Receiving Bibles: *Zach Morrison, Sarah Morrison, Becca Morrison, Hope Antczak, Koen Antal, Paxton Alexander Brenneison-Baughman*

Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach:

Having learned and grown, these young people are now ready to receive new Bibles to be read and studied in Sunday school and at home.

We remember that Jesus also learned and grew and celebrate the opportunity to join Jesus on that journey of growth.

Pastors and Sunday School Teachers:

Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all; its words speak to us all, telling us who we are, telling us that we belong to one another, for together, we are the people of God.

Students:

We will receive these Bibles with our hands, hearts, and minds.

We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us

as you explore this Bible in your home,

in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship.

We will learn and grow together in our love of God's Word.

All:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The grass withers, and the flower fades;

but the Word of our God will stand forever. Thanks be to God.

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.*

Lesson—Genesis 2.18-24 (CEB)

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It's not good that the human is alone. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him." ¹⁹So the LORD God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name. ²⁰The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found.

²¹ So the LORD God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it. ²² With the rib taken from the human, the LORD God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being. ²³ The human said,

“This one finally is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.

She will be called a woman
because from a man she was taken.”

²⁴ This is the reason that a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

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

Sermon

Choir Anthem

Step by Step with O God, Our Help in Ages Past

David Straser
arr. Bruce Greer

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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The Great Thanksgiving

If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited this morning to have some simple Communion elements ready—perhaps a bit of bread, a cracker, and/or some juice—to receive as we participate together in the holy mystery of Communion. We will receive the elements at the same time, though not in the same place, trusting that through the presence of the Holy Spirit, our sharing is sacramental as our spirits interact with God's and with one another's. If the risen Christ is present in all times and places, then surely Christ really is present among us even when we are apart. Through God's grace, we trust that we are held in communion with God and with each other.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the generosity of your love you have caused all things to be;
from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity;
in all our wanderings you never cease calling us into fullness of life in community.
By your grace, you gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken by and for the world;
he fed us and feasted with us, healed us and suffered with us;
his living and dying and rising have set us free from our captivity to sin and death.

And so, with all your people on earth and the communion of your whole creation,
with all who hunger for your beloved community and will not rest until it is here,
with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of every age, we join the song of your praise:
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

During the last supper he shared with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: ***“This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”***

In the same way after supper, Jesus took the cup, again gave thanks to you, and shared it, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my love. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

And so, in our eating and our drinking—our gathering and our sharing—
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
we proclaim Christ as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty
in the reckless generosity of your love.
Great is the mystery of this faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Come now, Lord Jesus. ***Come now, Lord Jesus.***
Come now, Holy Spirit. ***Come now, Holy Spirit.***
Come and fill these gifts of bread and wine.
***Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
and make us into one body with Christ, building up one another in love.***

May we, who are baptized into Christ’s death, be raised into newness of life.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup Hymns

*One Bread, One Body
Bind Us Together*

UMH 620
TFWS 2226

Prayer following Communion

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

TFWS 2197

+ Benediction

With thanksgiving to God for uniting us as the body of Christ,
the Spirit now sends us out to share God's love with others.

Let us go with God's blessings to work for the well-being of the world.
We will. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

arr. Aaron David Miller

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Liturgist

Jim Walters

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 3):

Help us, God, as we rise this day,
to seek out your will
as we enjoy the good
and persevere through the bad.
Prove us, O God, and be with us,
so that we can learn the steps we need to take
to follow in your way. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 3):

Thank you for your embracing heart, O God:
for making me feel welcome and loved,
for helping me to keep moving forward,
and for reminding me
that I am part of your family.
Give me courage to share your welcome
with all others, in your name. Amen.



Today is World Communion Sunday!

On World Communion Sunday, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training. The spirit of World Communion Sunday is to come together in Christian unity around the breaking bread and sharing the cup. In our Wesleyan tradition, we extend this practice through our special offering. Please consider giving generously.

*As we celebrate World Communion Sunday,
we rejoice in the ways that your church is connected
through your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Bless our special offering today so that the gifts we present
will be multiplied and shared with faithful students around the world.*

*As we praise you today, let the words of our mouth
and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you.*

Amen.

Learn more at

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>.



Blessing of the Pets

Today!, 5 PM, Seminary Street Lawn

On Sunday, October 3 at 5 PM, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us on the lawn as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing on them and on us. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier.

For more information, please contact **Pastor Nathan**
at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, October 10, 4 PM, Rocky River Nature Center

All are welcome to join us for a fall walk/hike on the trails near the Rocky River Nature Center on Sunday, October 10. We will gather in the parking lot of the Nature Center at 4 PM and begin our walk from there.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 7**
to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Sunday Morning Faith Formation Opportunities

For Children/Youth

Sunday School

Preschool – 6th grade
10 AM, Second Floor

Youth Bible Study

7th-12th grade
10 AM, Youth Room (RM 31)

For Adults

Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

FaithLink

10 AM, Room 13



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9 :30 AM, Room 13 or via Zoom

Join us in person or via Zoom. This fall's theme is "What does it mean to belong?" This unit looks at the various ways that the Bible makes clear how we belong to God's people even when we appear to be outsiders. Several of the sessions point out where we as human beings insert distinctions that restrict membership within the community of Christ.

RSVP to Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105
to receive a student workbook.



Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Thursday Night Bible Study will be doing Women of the Old Testament by Gladys Hunt It is a twelve week study and it will take us from Eve through Esther with stops for Ruth, Abigail and other favorites ... please come join us !

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at
440-409-5931 or marylynn482@gmail.com.



Halloweekend at Cedar Point *October 10 following Sunday School*

Leaving after Sunday School all youth 7th grade and older are invited to have a fun day at Cedar Point! Pastor Lisa and Kelsey Johnson will be chaperoning - other parents are welcome to attend! (*You will need to purchase your own ticket.*)

Contact Pastor Lisa (lisazmorrison@gmail.com) to RSVP.



Change of date for Equal Exchange this month!

Available October 10 (the second Sunday)!

October 10, 10-11 AM, outside the Parlor

Equal Exchange fair trade items be available next Sunday, October 10 (vs. October 3), from 10-11 AM (between the two church services). Please stop by to purchase coffee, tea, hot cocoa or some chocolate. Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop. Thanks for your continued support of this mission!



Trunk or Treat & Messy Church

October 17, 4-6 PM

Hand out candy and treats to our community's children - decorate your car for a chance to win "best decorated car"! Please sign up for a parking spot at <https://forms.gle/kWKGrBaoC8EiTeGa6> by October 12.

Donate extra candy for the event in the outreach bin in the main hallway. We get a LOT of kids, so the extra candy is appreciated to help those who are hosting a parking spot! *Want to help with a craft or game instead?* We'd love to have you serve at Messy Church station set up along our sidewalk.

Registration for trick-or-treaters can be found at

<https://forms.gle/sftqeHQwnqKbXtec6>.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Collection for Afghan Refugees

Donations will be accepted until October 17 in the plastic tub outside Room 13

To help welcome and support Afghan refugees who are resettling in our region, we are partnering with multiple local organizations, including the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, US Together, Refugee Response, and Catholic Charities of Cleveland. Please participate in our current collection to assemble kits of "essentials" for individuals and families who will be arriving. Each kit will consist of one pack of toilet paper, one pack of paper towels, one bar of soap, one bottle of dish soap, one bottle of laundry soap, one bottle of hand soap, one toothbrush, one toothpaste, and one deodorant stick. Please donate any of these items by placing them in the plastic tub located outside Room 13. We will continue receiving your donations at least through **October 17**.

Thank you for your generosity, and please contact **Pastor Nathan** at

nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100 with any questions.



Support Our Local Food Pantries

Donations can be left in the cupboard between the Narthex and the Library

Our collections of food to support our neighbors through local food pantries continue. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the narthex (the hallway outside the Sanctuary) and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.)

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.



Crafts, Chili, & Clean Clutter

October 9, 10 AM - 4 PM, Wesley Hall & Hallway

Please join us for craft tables, ceramic ornaments, and gourmet popcorn in the Wesley Hallway.

Clean clutter will be on tables in Wesley Hall, and this may include plants, books, toys, appliances, tools, kitchen utensils, and china.

Two delicious kinds of chili (meat and vegetarian) may be purchased in Wesley Hall near the kitchenette. For your convenience, it will be packaged with cornbread and dessert to go.

Masks are required for this one of a kind event, and all proceeds will be donated to UMW missions.

All shoppers are greatly appreciated for participating in this mission fund-raiser!

Questions? Please contact **Nancy Buehler** at **440-23417613** or nbuehler75@gmail.com.



Loose Change Offering for October

October's Loose Change Offering supports the Sunshine Fund at Grindstone Elementary School. The Sunshine Fund supports teachers, staff, and families in need of a little "sunshine". This lends support wherever PTA leadership feel it is needed. In the past, funds have given encouragement gifts to teachers undergoing cancer care, helped purchase winter coats needed for children, and has supported other students who we'll never know needed our care. But God knows, and grace abounds. Thank you for your generosity!

You can support the selected mission by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".

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, October 3

World Communion Sunday / Bible Presentation Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / [Join online](#)

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

District Confirmation

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

Blessing of the Pets

5 PM / UMCB Front Lawn / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Monday, October 4

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Tony K's

Tuesday, October 5

Morning Walk

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

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9 AM / Room 13, on Zoom / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Discipleship Collaborative

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 6

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Homework Helpers

4 PM / Second Floor / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Thursday, October 7

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Handbell Choir

6:00 PM / Sanctuary / [Contact Tori Lero](#)

Women's Study via Zoom

6:30 PM / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com](#)

Choir

7:00 PM / Sanctuary /

Contact [Courtney Popp](#) or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, October 8

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

UMW Set-Up & Drop-off for "Chili, Crafts, & Clutter"

3 - 7 PM / Wesley Hall, Gathering Place

Saturday, October 9

UMW "Chili, Crafts, & Clutter"

10 AM - 4 PM / Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 10

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / [Join online](#)

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Youth Trip to HalloWeekend (RSVP required)

11 AM / Leaving after Sunday School / [Contact Lisa Morrison](#)

Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 PM / Rocky River Nature Preserve / [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, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday, 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.