

# Worship Celebration



*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 10, 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](http://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

Adoration

Florence Price

## Words of Welcome

### + Opening Prayer

*There are days, O God, when we feel far from your presence.*

*We long for you, yet we feel no closeness.*

*Give us the courage to cry out in pain, speaking our truth.*

*We long for your presence. We wait, O God, for you.*

*For we know you are the source of all mercy and grace,*

*and we trust that you will make your presence known in times of need.*

*Guide our worship. Fill our lives. In your name and spirit, we live, worship, and pray. Amen.*

### + Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH 117

# 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—Job 23.1-9, 16-17 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup> Job answered:

<sup>2</sup> Today my complaint is again bitter; my strength is weighed down because of my groaning.

<sup>3</sup> Oh, that I could know how to find him—come to his dwelling place;

<sup>4</sup> I would lay out my case before him, fill my mouth with arguments,

<sup>5</sup> know the words with which he would answer, understand what he would say to me.

<sup>6</sup> Would he contend with me through brute force? No, he would surely listen to me.

<sup>7</sup> There those who do the right thing can argue with him; I could escape from my judge forever.

<sup>8</sup> Look, I go east; he's not there, west, and don't discover him;

<sup>9</sup> north in his activity, and I don't grasp him; he turns south, and I don't see....

<sup>16</sup> God has weakened my mind; the Almighty has frightened me.

<sup>17</sup> Still I'm not annihilated by darkness; he has hidden deep darkness from me.

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

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

## Gospel Lesson—Mark 10.17-31 (CEB)

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*"

<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” <sup>24</sup> His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! <sup>25</sup> It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

<sup>26</sup> They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news <sup>30</sup> will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

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

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

## Sermon

### Hymn

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

TFWS 2052

### 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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)), the church office (440-234-3525 x100), or online at [www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources).*

### Choir Anthem

*I Want to Be Ready*

Jay Althouse

### 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](http://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

***Generous God, we bring you our gifts and ourselves this day.***

***We recognize that all we have and are comes from you.***

***May these gifts bring hope to places of pain.***

***We want to be followers of Jesus, who leads us from selfishness into service.***

***We offer ourselves to your mission in this world. Amen.***

# We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

*My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)*

TFWS 2212

+ Benediction

Go and follow Jesus on the pathway of love. Share the good news of God's mercy and grace.

***We will dare to let go and find the courage to be God's love for one another.***

May the blessings of God give you this courage, for with God, all things are possible.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

Postlude

*Toccata in C Major*

Johann Pachelbel

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

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## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Music**

Van Parker, *Guest Organist*  
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

### **Liturgist**

Sharon Williams

### **Audio Video Elements**

Duke Antczak  
Marlynda Dziak

#### ***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 10):***

As I open my eyes,  
I want to feel your Word,  
living and active and guiding my way.  
I want to live knowing  
that what is impossible for me  
is possible for you.  
I want to live with the certainty  
that those who are first will be last,  
and the last will be first.  
Give me courage and hope this day. Amen.

#### ***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 10):***

As I lie down to rest,  
I look at the times in this day  
when my heart has felt like fainting,  
and I have felt like arguing,  
but I do so with the knowledge  
that even then, you were with me.  
Thank you, God, for understanding me  
and helping me to follow in your way.  
Give me the rest I need now  
with an assurance of your presence. Amen.

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## **“Back to Basics” Worship Series**

**Sundays, October 24 – November 21**

**9 AM in the Sanctuary and online, 11 AM in Wesley Hall**

At The United Methodist Church of Berea, our mission is “to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Each year, during the fall, we re-consider what this mission statement means for our lives as disciples and our life together as a community of faith.

*What is a disciple?*

*How do we mature as disciples?*

*How do we “make disciples” or help others to mature as disciples?*

*How do we transform, or make a real positive difference, in the world?*

*How can we become more fully engaged and flourishing as we live in the way of Christ?*

For five Sundays in October and November, we will explore together a model for Christian discipleship built around *five essential practices* that God called each of us to engage in both personally and together as we center our lives more fully on loving God and loving others. Join us in worship in October and November as we get “back to the basics” of our mission and discipleship.

**October 24:** Called to Worship—Cultivating a Life of Gratitude

**October 31:** Called to Give—Cultivating a Life of Generosity

**November 7:** Called to Serve—Cultivating a Life of Justice and Kindness

**November 14:** Called to Study—Cultivating a Life of Learning

**November 21:** Called to Share—Cultivating a Life that Bears Witness



## **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](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the “other” box and marking it “loose change offering”.



## **Sunday Morning Faith Formation Opportunities**

### **For Children/Youth**

#### **Sunday School**

Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
10 AM, Second Floor

#### **Youth Bible Study**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
10 AM, Youth Room (RM 31)

### **For Adults**

#### **Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection**

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

#### **FaithLink**

10 AM, Room 13



## Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

*Monday, October 11, 6:30-8 PM, Fellowship Hall*

On October 11, we will discuss **Far Side of the Sea** by Kate Breslin. On November 8, we will discuss **The Orphan's Tale** by Pam Jenoff.

Questions? Please contact either **Betsy Meikle** at **440-243-5767**  
or **Janet Mallarnee** at **440-235-7331**.



## 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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**  
to receive a student workbook.



## Ecumenical Youth Group

*October 24, 5-6:30 PM, The UMCB lawn or Wesley Hall*

What a great start we had in September! We are looking forward to our next event on October 24 from 5-6:30 PM. Pumpkin Carving! Bring a sharp knife! (The only time Pastor Carrie says this....) Join several other churches in this fun time for youth to make friends and explore their faith.

RSVP by **October 15** to have a pumpkin provided for you!  
Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



## Equal Exchange available TODAY!

*October 10, 10-11 AM, outside the Parlor*

Equal Exchange fair trade items will be available today 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](http://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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



## Updated Collection to Welcome Afghan Refugees

*Place donations in the plastic tub outside Room 13.*

Thank you for all of your generous donations to support and help welcome to our region refugees through the ministry of Catholic Charities in Cleveland. Through October 17, we are collecting items to be assembled into kits of "essentials" for individuals and families who will be arriving. Based on what we have received through your generosity already, our goal is to complete 60 kits. To do so, we still need:

- packs of toilet paper (6-8 rolls preferred)
- packs of paper towels
- bottles of dish soap
- bottles of laundry soap (up to 75 oz preferred)
- bottles of hand soap
- toothbrushes (individually wrapped preferred)
- toothpaste
- deodorant sticks

Please donate any of these items by placing them in the plastic tub located outside Room 13. Thank you for your continued participation in this welcoming ministry, and please contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## 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](#)

## Monday, October 11

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivorship Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at O'Charleys

### **Read & Grow Book Discussion Group**

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

### **Finance Meeting**

7 PM / Room 13

## Tuesday, October 12

### **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](#)

### **Church Council**

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, October 13

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Homework Helpers**

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

## Thursday, October 14

### **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 15

### **November Caller Submissions Due**

Email to [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or place in church office mailbox.

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## Saturday, October 16

## Sunday, October 17

### **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

### **Messy Church - Trunk or Treat**

4-6 PM / The UMCB Lawn

*See Page 6 for more information.*

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### **Contact Pastor Nathan at**

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### **Contact Pastor Carrie at**

**440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto: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 ([ebarnar@umcb.org](mailto:ebarnar@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.