

Worship Celebration



*Twenty-second Sunday
after Pentecost*

*Back to Basics:
Called to Worship -
Cultivating a Life of
Gratitude*

October 24, 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

Come, Risen Lord

Dale Wood

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

God of all creation, your creatures worship you and sing your praise.

Join our voices with those around us to give you thanks this day.

You are here. We are here. Here we are now together.

Awaken us to your presence. Make us more aware of your generous gifts.

And help us to live our lives in a spirit of deep gratitude

for your generosity and all the opportunities you give us to respond.

Guide our worship and guide our lives, in the spirit and presence of Christ, whom we now praise.

Amen.

+ Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 5-4)

UMH 62

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 34.1-8 (NRSV)

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson—Mark 10.46-52 (CEB)

⁴⁶ Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" ⁴⁸ Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

⁵⁰ Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

⁵² Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Choir Anthem

O Lord, How Majestic is Your Name!

Lloyd Larsen

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.

Handbell Choir Anthem

Aria

Cynthia Dobrinski

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

***For bringing hope to our world and healing to our lives, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.***

***Bless our gifts and our lives, that we may become signs of hope, paths of healing,
and prayers of peace for your whole world. In the name of Christ, Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

+ Benediction

In a spirit of hope and praise and thanksgiving, go forth from this place rejoicing.

To bring hope and healing to this world, we go forth from this place to serve.

Go now, in the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

We will. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Allegretto

Georg Bohm

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



“Back to Basics” Worship Series—Week 1: Called to Worship

Goals for cultivating a life of gratitude:

Together: getting an “A” in worship attendance—90% or 47 out of 52 Sundays

Alone: praying 5 times each day, e.g. waking, going to sleep, and before each meal

Resources for cultivating a life of gratitude:

Morning Prayer

O God, I thank you for everything, and I offer my life to you.

Make me more aware of your presence and calling, and guide me throughout this day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer

For this food I am about to eat, for the hands that have prepared it,
and for the earth that has produced it, I give you thanks, Gracious God. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank you, Loving God, for this day and all its blessings.

Help me find my rest in you. Amen.

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*
Tori Lero, *Handbell Choir Director*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Liturgist

Barb Peterson

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

The Handbell Choir Anthem this morning is dedicated to the Glory of God
and in memory of the composer, Cynthia Dobrinski,

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 24):

Dear God, help me to follow your ways
as I go throughout this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 24):

Gracious God,
thank you for covering me in your presence
throughout the day.
Grant me peace and rest in your grace.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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“Back to Basics” Worship Series

Sundays through November 21, 9 AM in the Sanctuary & 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



All Saints’ Sunday

Sunday, November 7, 9 AM in the Sanctuary and online, 11 AM in Wesley Hall

The Festival of All Saints is celebrated by the church on November 1 (or, in worship, on the Sunday immediately following November 1). It is an annual opportunity for us to gather and give thanks for the community of faith as we re-affirm that the church consists not only in all those followers of Jesus who are living and with us physically but also all those who have gone before us and who are yet to come.



Open Sanctuary

November 7, 7 - 8:30 PM

As we prepare to enter a season of gratitude and thanksgiving, maybe your heart is a little heavy, and not quite ready. We invite you to a time of quiet reflection - a space for grief, heaviness, and heartfelt prayer. Light a prayer candle. Breathe deeply the grace of God. Write in a journal. Add to a prayer wall. Share with a pastor if you’d like in a quiet corner of the Sanctuary or the porch.

This space is for you and your Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer to have a moment.

No sign up required. Come as you are.



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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Ladies, would you like to know more about the Women of the Bible, please join us for our Thursday Evening Bible Study ... did you know that Miriam was a very critical person or that Rahab was really a good choice for a ally? Come join us and find out more interesting facts about Women of the Old Testament Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom on Thursday nights ...

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



October Loose Change Offering Supports The Sunshine Fund

The Sunshine Fund at Grindstone Elementary 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".



UMW Gives Thanks

UMW wants to thank everyone who worked, donated, supported and participated in the Craft, Chili, and Clutter event. Our first venture (in over 18 months) was a success. With your help, we are able to honor our mission commitments. Please stop at our table by the library for Sunday special items:

Oct.ober24 - handmade ceramic Christmas ornaments;
October 31 - assorted handmade decorations.

As always, we appreciate your support and generosity.



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.

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**.

Berea City School District Board of Education Candidates Night

Wednesday, October 27, 7 PM, Sanctuary

Three seats on the Berea City School District Board of Education are up for general election this coming November 2. To help you learn more about the seven candidates who are running for these three seats, we have invited them to join us for a "candidates night" in the Sanctuary at 7PM on Wednesday, October 27. Pastor Carrie will be serving as moderator, asking questions submitted by the audience in advance.

Do you have a question you would like asked of the candidates for school board?

Please submit your questions to: <https://tinyurl.com/xsduma22>.

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors to join us, also, as we prepare to vote for our local leaders in this year's upcoming election.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, October 24

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

Ecumenical Youth Group

5-7 PM / The UMCB Lawn, Wesley Hall

Monday, October 25

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Applebee's

Tuesday, October 26

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](#)

Wednesday, October 27

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Homework Helpers

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

Berea City School Board of Candidates Night

7 PM / Sanctuary / See page 7 for more information.

Thursday, October 28

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Handbell Choir

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

Women's Bible 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 29

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, October 31

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

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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)

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.