

# Worship Celebration

## Reign of Christ Sunday

*Begun in 1925, the celebration was intended as a response to growing secularism and competing claims for our allegiance, especially as narrow ideologies and tribalistic nationalism spread across much of Europe following World War I. Reign of Christ Sunday remains for us an opportunity to worship together and to reaffirm the primacy of God's presence and purposes in our lives and throughout creation.*



*Back to Basics:  
Called to Share-  
Cultivating a Life  
that Bears Witness*

November 21, 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](https://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.*

# We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

*Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*Loving God of power and justice and peace, we seek a new way of being:  
where there is courage to speak truth in love to power;  
where there is mutual support in church and community;  
where there is humility in welcoming the other;  
where there is peace and freedom for all.*

*Loving God of power and justice and peace,  
re-order our lives and our world by your love.  
In the name of Christ who reigns, Amen.*

+ Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

UMH 715

## 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**—Revelation 1.4b-8 (CEB)

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty."

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

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

**Gospel Lesson**—John 18.33-37 (CEB)

<sup>33</sup> Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here."

<sup>37</sup> "So you are a king?" Pilate said.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice."

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

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

## Sermon

## + Hymn

### Welcome

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,  
singing welcome, welcome to this place.*

*You're invited to come and know God's grace.*

*All are welcome, the love of God to share,  
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,  
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,  
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,  
singing welcome, welcome to this place.*

*You're invited to come and know God's grace.*

*All are welcome, the love of God to share,  
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,  
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,  
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice,  
crying welcome, welcome to this place.*

*You're invited to come and know God's grace.*

*All are welcome, the love of God to share,  
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.*

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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](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

*O God, Behold your Family Here*

John Dalles, Bob Moore

## 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**

*We are no longer our own, but yours.  
Put us to what you will, place us with whom you will.  
Put us to doing, put us to suffering.  
Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let us be full, let us be empty.  
Let us have all things, let us have nothing.  
We freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
we are yours, and you are ours. So be it.  
And the covenant which we have made on earth,  
let it also be made in heaven. Amen.*

**We Go Out to Serve in God's Name**

**+ Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH 102

**+ Benediction**

We are all neighbors in the Spirit's beloved community,  
citizens of Christ's peaceable world.  
Go and share with others, through word and action, the unconditional love of God.  
***We will! Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**Postlude**

*Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais

***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**

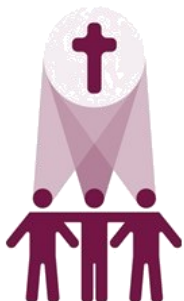
Megan Denman, *Organist*  
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*  
Morgan Hummel, *trumpet*

**Liturgist**

Joanne Mansfield

**Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak



**“Back to Basics” Worship Series—Week 5: Called to Share**

*Goals for cultivating a life of bearing witness*

Alone: Pray for 5 individuals who are not yet disciples

Together: Invite 5 people this year to some congregational event or gathering

**Morning Prayer** (week of Sunday, November 21):

Gracious God,  
help me to receive this day as a gift.  
In my moments of caution  
and my moments of confidence,  
teach me to listen for your voice  
and to watch for your provision.  
Grant me the gift of life in community. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** (week of Sunday, November 21):

Lord of life, as I recollect this day,  
help me to recognize your witness  
in truth that challenges convenience,  
in decisions that stretch my heart.  
Teach me to trust the sound of your voice  
and to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

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**Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

**Wednesday, November 24, 7 PM, Online at [www.facebook.com/umcberea/live](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)**

The entire Berea community will be invited to worship together online at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 24. Our worship together will include readings and music provided from multiple congregations in our community, and you will be invited to make a financial contribution through our congregation to support the ongoing work of Berea Community Outreach, caring for our neighbors in need. Give online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) or by mailing a check to the church office, marking *Thanksgiving* on the description line.



**Light Candles on the Advent Wreath**

The season of Advent is beginning soon, and one of our worship traditions during Advent is to light candles on the Advent wreath to mark time as we move toward the Festival of Christmas. If you would like to help lead in worship in this way on November 28, December 5, December 12, or December 19, please contact Pastor Nathan ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x100). You will be asked to lead the congregation in a short reading and then light the candles on the Advent wreath. This is a great opportunity for individuals, couples, friends, and/or families with children to help lead in worship.



**Advent and Christmas Worship Series: “Coming Home”**

**Beginning Sunday, November 28, 9 AM in the Sanctuary and online, 11 AM in Wesley Hall**

The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year and focuses our attention on an invitation. For many, it is the invitation to get into the “Christmas spirit,” to count down the days until Christmas Day, and to fill our days with gift-wrapping, decorating, and Christmas music. But there is a deeper and more far-reaching invitation also being offered in the season of Advent: the invitation to remember and to act like we are heading home, toward God’s beloved community. Beloved community is the home where all are family, where peace resides and justice abides. Advent reminds us that we should not be complacent or satisfied about the way things are but, instead, anticipating and working toward God’s dream for this world—a beloved community, in which all can come home.

Join us in worship on Sundays at 9 AM (in the Sanctuary and online) and 11 AM (in Wesley Hall) throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas (November 28 through January 2) as we long together for the coming beloved community—our truest home—where we will study war no more, where all people will be together in real fellowship, where joy will be found, and where love will be the tie that binds us together.

Join us—and invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join us, too—  
as we “come home” to God’s hope, peace, joy, and love.



## **United Methodist Student Sunday**

**Sunday, November 28**

When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Please consider giving generously to help deserving, young adults continue their education and their faith journeys. For more information, visit <https://youtu.be/tsQ4CSmxBo>. (Taken from <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays>)



## **At Home "Hanging of the Greens"**

**Sunday, November 28, 6:30 PM, via Zoom**

**(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88423067293>, meeting id 884 2306 7293)**

On Sunday, November 28 - the First Sunday of Advent - you are invited to participate in an at-home "hanging of the greens." We will meet via Zoom at 6:30 PM for a time of fellowship including sharing some of our favorite Christmas decorations, any stories connected with those decorations, and other traditions that help us prepare for the Christmas celebration. For more information and to RSVP and to receive the Zoom info, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x100 by **Wednesday, November 24**.



## **Advent Study - Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas**

**Wednesdays, December 1 - December 22, 7 PM, Room 13 - OR -**

**Tuesdays, November 30 - December 21, 9:30 AM, Room 13 - OR -**

**Sundays, November 28-December 19, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome to join us for this four-week Bible study experience to help prepare us to celebrate God's presence with us in Christ during the upcoming Christmas season. In the midst of so much cultural uncertainty and conflict, we will reflect together on the significant of the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness.

For more information and to RSVP and to receive the Zoom meeting id, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x100 by the end of the day on **Wednesday, November 24**.



## **Advent Calendars Available for All Ages**

**Starting November 28, At the back of each worship space**

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. John 3:16.*

At the back of each worship space, pick up your *Advent Around the World* kit! Create a paper chain to count down the days - learning each day of another country and their Christmas traditions. Pray for that country and then place a star sticker on your included world map. A great reminder of God's expansive love for all of creation!



## **Ecumenical Youth Group Holiday Party**

**December 12, 5-6:30 PM, Wesley Hall**

There will not be a November Ecumenical Youth Group meeting, but we'll have a great Holiday Bash on Sunday, December 12 at 5 PM. White elephant gifting tradition, snacks, games, and more. Join us in the Youth Room for all the fun.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



## Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

**Monday, December 13, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall**

We will be discussing "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff.

If anyone has questions, please contact either

**Betsy Meikle at 440-243-5767 or Janet Mallarnee at 440-235-7331.**



## Thursday Night Bible Study

**Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom**

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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



## 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 and the library anytime you are in the building.

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.



## The Giving Tree

**Return Unwrapped Gifts and Gift Cards by Sunday, December 12**

The Giving Tree in the Narthex contains items from the children's wish lists that we obtained from Berea Community Outreach. If you decide to "adopt" a child and bring in a gift, please do not wrap it. Put it in a bag with the bell taped on the outside. You may donate wrapping paper and a card, if you wish. If you get a gift card, place it in an envelope with the bell taped on it, and put it in the finance director's mail slot on her door. All gifts and gift cards must be returned by **December 12**. Thank you so much for participating in this ministry!

Beloved,

It was my pleasure and privilege to work with the North Central Jurisdiction in creating and affirming the covenant statement found through the link below or on the table in the Narthex. The article will also tell you more about the conference and how the covenant came to be. Please keep our United Methodist connection in prayer as we seek to build a more inclusive, just, and compassionate church.

Blessings,  
Pastor Carrie Antczak

[http://www.ncjumc.org/called-special-session-november-2021/?fbclid=IwAR3GbTZdun9lKBtl2dV6VSS0Zj13\\_1n0CYy2rEyBnuKZ5QhhzI8NjWlIzdl](http://www.ncjumc.org/called-special-session-november-2021/?fbclid=IwAR3GbTZdun9lKBtl2dV6VSS0Zj13_1n0CYy2rEyBnuKZ5QhhzI8NjWlIzdl)

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## Sunday, November 21

### **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 Friendsgiving**

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

## Monday, November 22

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivorship Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Bob Evans

## Tuesday, November 23

### **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, November 24

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

7 PM / Online at

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

## Thursday, November 25

### **Thanksgiving Day - Church Offices Closed**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Handbell Choir**

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

### **Serving Metanoia Thanksgiving Dinner**

6:30 PM / Franklin Circle Church

## Friday, November 26

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## Saturday, November 27

## Sunday, November 28

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

### **Fellowship Hour via Zoom**

10 AM / [Join online](#)

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### **Sunday Morning Formation Opportunities**

#### **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)

#### **Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection (Adults)**

10 AM, Fellowship Hall

#### **FaithLink (Adults)**

10 AM, Room 13

### **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.