



# Worship Celebration

*Transfiguration Sunday*

February 27, 2022 + 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/live](https://www.facebook.com/umcberea/live))

**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 "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

Morning Hymn Op. 59, No 1

Flor Peters

## Words of Welcome

### + Opening Prayer

*Source of awe and mystery,  
as your presence caused Moses' face to shine with your glory,  
may your presence in our time of worship prepare us for your ministry.  
Reveal the glory of Christ to us this day,  
as you revealed it to Peter, James, and John on that mountaintop long ago.  
Transform our worship with the light of revelation,  
that our whole lives might shine the light of Christ  
into a world in need of your love. Amen.*

### + Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

## 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 - Exodus 34.29-35 (CEB)

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went into the LORD's presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again. When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the LORD.

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

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

### Gospel Lesson - Luke 9.28-43a (CEB)

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. <sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. <sup>31</sup>They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

<sup>33</sup>As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. <sup>34</sup>Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

<sup>35</sup> Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> The next day, when Jesus, Peter, John, and James had come down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. <sup>38</sup> A man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to take a look at my son, my only child. <sup>39</sup> Look, a spirit seizes him and, without any warning, he screams. It shakes him and causes him to foam at the mouth. It tortures him and rarely leaves him alone. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to throw it out, but they couldn't."

<sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and crooked generation, how long will I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon threw him down and shook him violently. Jesus spoke harshly to the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was overwhelmed by God's greatness.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Sermon

### + Hymn

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

TFWS 2103

## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*As we join our hearts to lift our prayers to God, we invite you to share your joys and concerns. 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

*Shine On Us*

Michael W. Smith, Deborah Smith  
arr. Bruce Greer

## 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

*In Christ, O God, you shone upon the mountain.*

*And you shone in many other ways, too:*

*healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling us to follow your loving example.*

*Bless the gifts that we give of every kind--*

*our energy and talent, our treasure and time.*

*May your light shine through our lives*

*that your world may be transformed by your power. Amen.*

# We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

UMH 427

## + Benediction

Go forth to walk in the light of God.

***We will listen for the voice that still calls us.***

Go forth to respond to the call to follow Jesus.

***We will shine the light of Christ in the world.***

Go forth with God and go without fear.

***We will! Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

*Allegro*

arr. Janet Linker

(from **Variations on How Firm a Foundation**)

***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

### **Guest Preacher**

Rev. Linda McCowen

### **Music**

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

### **Liturgist**

Cindy McCowen

### **Audio Video Elements**

Duke Antczak  
Marlynda Dziak

### ***Morning Prayer*** (week of Sunday, February 27):

God of waking and sleeping,  
we give you thanks  
that you have brought the morning  
and opened our minds to a new day.  
Give us new courage  
for all that will unfold in the coming hours.  
Help us to perceive our neighbors  
as you perceive them. Show us the way of peace.  
Amen.

### ***Evening Prayer*** (week of Sunday, February 27):

God of all compassion,  
for all that we have done today  
that bears good fruit, thank you.  
For all that we have done today  
that has missed your purposes, forgive us.  
Restore us to your strong foundation,  
and reassure us of your love. Amen.

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## Lent 2022

*Our Lenten Focus for this year is “practices” - in all discipleship age groups you will see opportunities for us to practice the presence of God in a variety of ways.*

### Lenten Devotional

One way we invite you to reflect on “Practices” is by contributing to the daily devotional email that will be sent out each day in Lent. Keeping with the tradition of producing our own church-written devotional, this ministry will come straight to your email inbox each morning. To receive this devotional, visit our website at [www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org) and subscribe on the left column of the home page.

If you'd be interested in sharing your reflection on practices or prayer, please email **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)) to select a day. You may choose a Scripture on your own, or ask for suggestions from the lectionary. Write a simple reflection and a short prayer if you choose. Send back to Pastor Nathan well in advance of the day you've selected.



## Ash Wednesday

*Wednesday, March 2  
Noon in the Sanctuary*

*7 PM in the Sanctuary* and online ([www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos](https://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos))

The season of Lent—forty days of preparing to celebrate Easter and to live more fully as Easter people—begins each year on Ash Wednesday, this year on March 2. Join us in the Sanctuary at noon for an abbreviated worship service or in the Sanctuary at 7 pm for a worship service including music and Holy Communion. Both worship services will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and intent for our hearts and lives to be changed.

### Want more on Spiritual Practices?

Follow Spiritual Formation Ministries of East Ohio:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SpiritualFormationEOC>.

Each Monday in Lent, a new guest will share a spiritual practice you may want to try out.

*Teaser: Pastor Carrie is one of those guests!*



## **Animate: Spiritual Practices**

***Starting the Week of March 6***

***Sundays 10 AM (chapel), Mondays 7 PM (zoom), or Tuesdays 9:30 AM (Room 13 or zoom)***

Join us this Lent as we explore seven different ways to connect with God. This series belongs to the Animate curriculum, and pairs with Animate: Bible which we offered this winter. You need not have completed the Bible series to join us for Practices. Come with an open mind and heart as we explore traditions and rituals for reconnecting with God.

Cost is \$15. College student books are complimentary.

To register and reserve a book, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105** to share your interest.



## **New Member Class**

***Beginning Sunday, March 6, 4 PM, Room 13***

Classes will begin Sunday, March 6 for those exploring new membership or those who wish to renew their discipleship journey. Participants will join the church or recommit on Easter Sunday.

Contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x101** to share your interest in participating.



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

***Monday, March 14, 6:30-8 PM, via Zoom***

We will meet March 14 via Zoom to discuss **How to Fly** by Barbara Kingsolver.

For more information and the Zoom link, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at [meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or **440-243-5767**.



## **Thursday Night Bible Study**

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

Ladies, come learn more about the Women of the New Testament. Women of the New Testament is an exciting book, We are learning about some ladies, whom we don't know about, as well as some favorites, Elizabeth, Mary and sisters Mary & Martha ... do you think you really know these ladies? Come join us and find out new information ... add to the general conversation, your thoughts ... Who was the Sinful Woman or who do you think Sapphira is or maybe you would like to discuss ... Lydia, Priscilla! Come join us and discuss these women and how they can help us in our everyday life ...

For more information and Zoom details, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



## **Griefshare Support Group**

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

We are about in the middle of this session of GriefShare ... we have a good group and are willing to share with new people who want and/or need to learn that their feelings are ok and want to share their knowledge and concerns and joys with others. GriefShare is a program to learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way, it is a place where grieving people find healing and hope ... share with others who are on the journey.

For more information and Zoom details, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



## Equal Exchange

**Sunday, March 6, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor**

Visit our table by the Parlor on March 6 and stock up. Yummy chocolate minis are perfect for Easter baskets. Coffee or tea fits nicely in baskets too!

Learn more about Equal Exchange at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop).



## Candy Donations Needed

**Place donations in the bin by the Outreach Board next to Room 13**

It's time to load up the kids on sugar... and small prizes! Our children's egg hunt will be **April 10**, and our Youth egg hunt, **March 27**.

The bin for your donations of candy and prizes is located by the outreach board.  
Thank you for your sharing some joy and fun with our kids big and small!



## Homework Helpers

Begins March 2, for 9 Wednesdays

We are sharpening our pencils, and gathering our supplies and volunteers! We are excited to welcome a new group of students in March for homework help and tutoring. Last fall, we had seven students join us for our first session, and we're anticipating up to 25 new students this spring! If you enjoy working with students, please let us know if you'll join us in this mission to help our community children. We serve children K-12th grade - whether you enjoy working with the littles or the teens, we'll find you a great match!

Email **Laura Rushton** at [jlaurush@gmail.com](mailto:jlaurush@gmail.com)  
or **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) to learn more.



## Support Our Local Food Pantries

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

Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between 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 prefer, 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 5 and over are eligible to receive one of the vaccines.

Visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-provider-dashboard> 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, February 27

### *Transfiguration 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

#### **Ecumenical Youth Group Tobogganing**

2:30 PM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

## Monday, February 28

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivorship Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Bagley Grill

### **Missions Committee**

7 PM

## Tuesday, March 1

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

9:30 AM / Room 13 and via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

### **Griefshare**

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

### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

## Wednesday, March 2

### *Ash Wednesday*

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Noon / Sanctuary

### **Homework Helpers**

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

### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

## Thursday, March 3

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Handbells**

6 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, March 4

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## Saturday, March 5

### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, March 6

### *First Sunday in Lent*

### **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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### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9 AM – 3 PM, **Tuesday, Friday:** Beth works from home

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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.