

Worship Celebration



*Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany*

February 6, 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/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

Preamble

Louis Vierne

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

Created by God, we have come to worship.

Called by Christ, we have come to respond and follow.

Accompanied by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.

Held in communion, we will listen, sing, and pray.

+ Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

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— Isaiah 6.1-8 (CEB)

¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. ² Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. ³ They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces!

All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

⁴ The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

⁶ Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

⁸ Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Lesson— Luke 5.1-11 (CEB)

¹ One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. ² Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

⁶ So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. ⁷ They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" ⁹ Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. ¹⁰ James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." ¹¹ As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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Sermon

Choir Anthem

How Great thou Art

arr. Craig Courtney

Prayers of the People

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), 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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Invitation to Communion

Christ invites to the table all who are created in the image of love,
who are ready to be made new,
and who seek to live as beloved community in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us consider and confess all that separates us
from God and from each other:

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

***Too often, O God, we have clung to thoughts that we are unworthy of being loved.
Too often, we have felt limited in our ability to respond to your call.
Too often, we have been persuaded by voices of doubt—inside and outside of us—
instead of listening to your voice of Love.
“Leave me, Lord!” we exclaim with Peter. “I’m not enough,” we say with Isaiah.
Yet you have something different in mind. You perceive us as so much more.
You perceive your own image in us and the gifts you have given.
Save us, O God, from being too tired to cast our nets again;
save us, O God, from being too stubborn to try things another way.
Grant us grace to embrace your calling, to work toward your beloved community,
and to trust in your enduring promises.
Here we are. Send us.***

(silent prayers)

The grace of God has shaped us throughout our lives
and will continue to do so beyond our final breath.
God’s grace never is in vain.
Even as God embraces our whole past, God moves us into the future—
a future filled with hope.

***In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are freed to live more fully. Thanks be to God.***

The Great Thanksgiving

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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, whose Spirit runs free throughout the world, whose images resides in every person.

You create us and call us to be your people, to share your love.

Even when we turn away and ignore your voice,
you pursue us and keep calling through the proclamation of your law,
through the words of your prophets,
through the imagination of your poets and storytellers.

In the fullness of time, you sent your word in Jesus Christ to call us yet again:
on the shores of Galilee, in crowded markets and on dusty roads,
inviting us to risk everything, to place our trust in you.

And so, with your communion of saints and all of creation,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***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.***

Holy are you and blessed is your word in Jesus Christ,
who calls forth the best we have to offer

and sends us to go and do things we would never imagine.

In Christ, you call us out from the safety of the shoreline
into an adventure of the spirit;

open wide our arms to embrace the whole world you have dared to love.

On the night in which he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Receive, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, again gave thanks, shared it, and said:

***"Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant,
shared for you and for all for freedom from sin.
Do this to remember me."***

And so, in remembrance of these and all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves now in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered together and on these gifts of bread and wine.

***Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may answer your call and be the body of Christ for the world,
redeemed by your great love.***

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in mission and ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final glory and we feast together at your open table.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

In collective longing for a taste of your beloved community here among us,
we join our voices now in echoing the prayer Jesus taught us....

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

+ 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, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

+ Benediction

Let us go out now, open to God's calling.

We will go out in peace, sharing peace with all our neighbors.

And may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with us as we go.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

God Is my Strong Salvation

arr by Gordon Young

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Condit Dibble

Music

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, February 6):

God, I give thanks this morning
as I watch the beauty of the newborn day,
listening to the first stirrings,
pondering the miracle of my own breath
and your presence in it all.
Increase my strength and attention this day.
Whenever I perceive a need,
help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, February 6):

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
Like the fisherfolk who became disciples,
I have put in a day of work.
As evening comes, it is time to rest.
Reassure me now with the calming words of Jesus:
"Do not be afraid. Come be with me."
Amen.

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Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Monday, February 14, 6:30-8 PM, via Zoom

We will meet February 14 at 6:30 PM via Zoom to discuss **The Four Winds** by Kristin Hannah.

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



Animate Bible Study

Sunday Mornings, 10 AM, Chapel

If Pastor Carrie's sermon on the Bible got you wondering even more questions about Bible study and the life of faith, this class may interest you! Join us for this 7-week short-term study of the Bible: how it came to be, what's really in there, and how the Bible speaks to our souls. Pastor Carrie and Rev. Linda McCowen will lead the class Sundays at 10 AM in the Chapel. Participant books are \$15.

To register, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



February Loose Offering Benefits SCAN

Our loose change this month will benefit SCAN, one of our local food pantries. As families continue to struggle with food insecurity, your loose change will add up into meals for them. Thank you for your generosity!

You can also support this 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".



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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.



Equal Exchange

Today, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Treat your sweeties to delicious Equal Exchange chocolates for Valentine's Day. . . or any day. Visit our table by the Parlor on February 6 to see our offerings.

Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.



February's Love Your Neighbor - Pillow Collection

This month's Loving Our Neighbors project is collecting pillows for refugees through the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. To make it more fun, label your pillow "Pastor Carrie" or "Pastor Nathan". Whoever gets the most pillows labeled with their name, will be attacked by church children with pillows during the 11 AM worship service, February 27.



Messy Church

Sunday, February 20, 4-6 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us February 20 at 4 PM for a Messy Church celebrating all of the ways we express love and acceptance to all of God's children! Dinner will be served to-go. Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun afternoon of faith and friendship!

Questions or want to volunteer?

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



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

or **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org to learn more.



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 or 440-234-3525 x101.

Celebrating the Life of Jo Swanson

Sunday, February 13, 3:30 PM, Sanctuary

Remembrances must be submitted by NOON on Wednesday, February 9

The family of Jo Swanson plans to gather for a public memorial service on **Sunday, February 13 at 3:30 PM** in our Sanctuary.

As part of that memorial service, the family invites you to submit brief remembrances, stories, and words in celebration of Jo's life. Please submit your remembrances of no more than 300 words (preferably as a Word or PDF document) to info@umcb.org by **noon on Wednesday, February 9**.

These written remembrances will be compiled into an insert to be included with the bulletins that day. Thank you for helping the family to celebrate the life and legacy of Jo Swanson.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)

7 PM / Chapel

Monday, February 7

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Jennifer's

Trustees Meeting

5 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, February 8

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

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

Griefshare

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

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, February 9

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

"Let's Build Hope"

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

Thursday, February 10

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, February 11

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, February 12

Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Swanson Memorial Service

3:30 PM / Sanctuary

The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)

7 PM / Chapel

Contact Pastor Nathan at

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Contact Pastor Carrie at

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday, Friday: Beth works from home

Email: ebarner@umcb.org or info@umcb.org

Church office phone: 440-234-3525 x100

Work cell phone: 440-710-4498

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.

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 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.