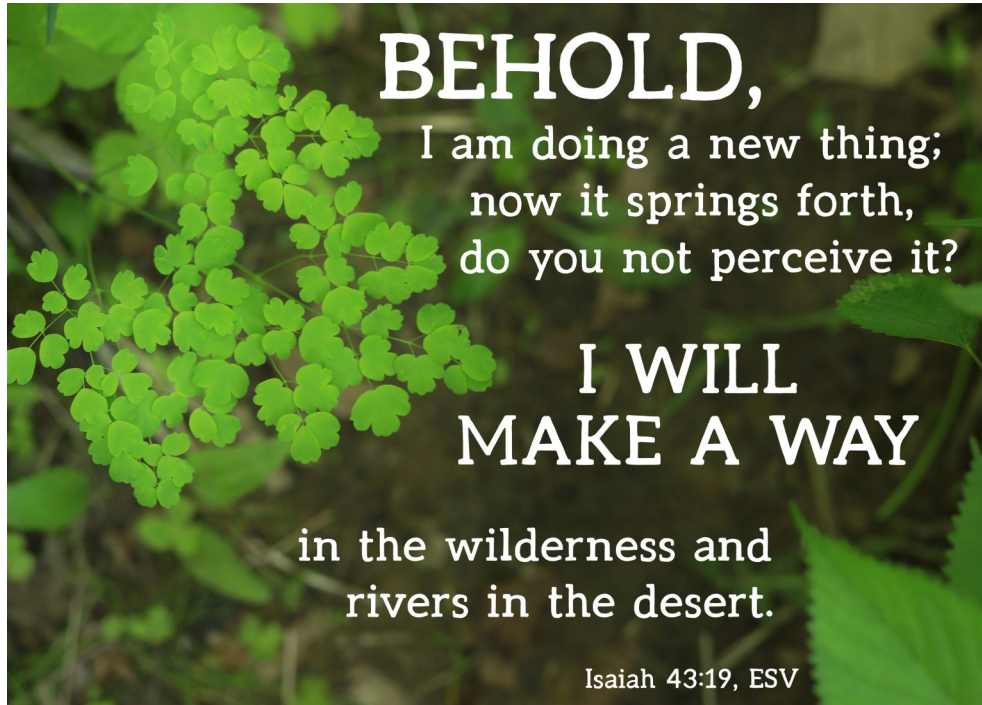


# Worship Celebration



**Fifth Sunday**  
IN LENT



April 3, 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 "low" community level, face masks are not required in our building. Although face masks will not be required, you are welcome to continue wearing a mask if you choose to do so. Please respect the various comfort levels and risk levels of those around you. If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay connected with us from home until your symptoms are ended.*

# We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

*Antiphon V (from 15 Pieces founded on Antiphons, Op. 18)*

Marcel Dupre

## Words of Welcome

### + Call to Worship (from Psalm 126)

The One who parted the waters will set our feet on dry land.

***We will walk forward in faith.***

The One who restored the fortunes of Zion will fill our mouths with laughter.

***We will dream of life renewed.***

The One who raised Jesus from the dead will do a new thing in our lives.

***We will rest in the peace of Christ.***

Come, let us worship the God of all salvation.

### + Hymn

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

UMH 126

## 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 43.16-21 (CEB)

<sup>16</sup> The LORD says—who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and battalion;

they will lie down together and will not rise;

they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick.

<sup>18</sup> Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history.

<sup>19</sup> Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?

I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

<sup>20</sup> The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,

because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness

to give water to my people, my chosen ones,

<sup>21</sup> this people whom I formed for myself, who will recount my praise.

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

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

### Gospel Lesson - John 12.1-8 (CEB)

**12** Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, <sup>5</sup> "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (<sup>6</sup> He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

<sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

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

## Sermon

### Choir Anthem

*Forgetting What Lies Behind*

Gary Hallquist

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

## **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 pause to consider and confess all that separates us  
from God and from each other:

***Merciful One, signs of your love and compassion  
surround us every moment of every day.***

***As we gather this day with our quiet hopes and secret fears,  
we long to be like those who rest in you.***

***We yearn for hearts filled with laughter, for tongues lifted in shouts of joy.  
You alone are our hope and salvation.***

***Anoint us in our worship with your peace and hope,  
that we might have the courage to claim the life you offer all the time.***

***Transform us into people who meet doubt with hope  
and despair with steadfast determination.***

***In your loving mercy, we live, worship, and pray....***

*(silent prayers)*

The grace of God has shaped us throughout our lives  
and will continue to do so beyond our final breath.

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,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In love, you made us. In love, you stay with us. In love, you welcome us home.

You invite us to prepare with joy for the Easter feast,

that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments,

and faithful in prayer and practices of justice and mercy,

we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for your beloved.

And so, with all who follow your way and with all of creation,

we praise your name and join our voices in 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 made flesh in Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

Christ became completely empty, taking on the image of oppressed humankind, being born into our human condition.

Jesus was thus humbled—obediently accepting death, even death on a cross—taking upon himself all our violence and fear, destroying their power forever.

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 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....

## **Lord’s Prayer**

### **Sharing the Bread & Cup**

**Hymn**

*We Pray for Peace*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

***We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,  
as once again, we face a time of war.***

***The meek and humble try — amid the crisis —  
to love and build, to nurture and restore.***

***May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us —  
that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.***

***We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters —  
who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples’ fear.***

***You spoke with love and with amazing power;  
be with us now when trouble is so near.***

***May leaders see the miracle you offer —  
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.***

***We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;  
your love emboldens, judges, and restrains.***

***Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;  
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.***

***May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;  
may love and mercy be our highest aims.***

**+ Prayer following Communion**

*Lord of this feast beyond measure or price, we thank you for meeting us here.  
Liberate us now to share bread with our neighbors,  
that we might receive from one another what we need to be ourselves.  
Grow us, day by day, into your image and love, in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.*

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

**+ Hymn**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

UMH 298

**+ Benediction**

Go with hope, trusting God to make a way in the wilderness and rivers in desert places.

***We will go with hope, following the ways of our God.***

Go with faith, trusting Christ to travel this road with us, never leaving our side.

***We will go with faith, walking in the ways of Christ.***

Go in peace, trusting the Spirit to be nearer than your next breath.

***We will go in peace, living in the ways of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

*Fugue in D minor*

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

**Liturgist**

Margaret Proctor

**Music**

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

**Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, April 3):***

Merciful God, as I begin this day,  
place in me a spirit of generosity,  
that I may freely share love, joy, and encouragement  
with those whom I will encounter.  
Keep me from quick judgments,  
and help me to leave room for your grace  
in my life and in the lives of others.  
Make me your faithful disciple, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, April 3):***

All through the day, God of love,  
you have been present.  
As I settle into the routines of the evening,  
I long to be at home in my relationship with you.  
Help me set aside the cares of the day.  
Make your peace known among all  
who have special need of your care tonight.  
Bring your light into the surrounding darkness.  
Help us find our rest in you. Amen.

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## Holy Week 2022 Worship Opportunities

**Holy Week Children's Church:** Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will have special Children's Church activities teaching children spiritual practices to help them experience Holy Week in their unique stage of faith development. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their young disciples to these special worship services.



### **Palm Sunday**

**April 10**

**9 AM** in the Sanctuary & Online  
*The Baldwin Wallace University Treble Choir will participate in this service, marking the conclusion of BWU's annual Bach Festival.*

**11 AM** in Wesley Hall



### **Good Friday**

**April 15**

**Noon Community Crosswalk**  
beginning at Coe Lake  
and concluding with a  
**1 PM worship service**  
at Kiwanis Pavilion

**7 PM** in the Sanctuary & Online



### **Easter Vigil**

**Saturday, April 16, 8 PM to  
Sunday, April 17, 7 AM**

in the Sanctuary  
*Sign up for a time to keep silence, to be still and know God's presence, and to keep watch for the coming fullness of resurrection at*

<https://forms.gle/h3kyScLgmh8gNZsS9>.



### **Maundy Thursday**

**April 14**

**7 PM** in the Sanctuary & Online



### **Holy Saturday**

**April 16**

**7 PM** in the Sanctuary & Online



## **Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, April 17**

**7 AM** on the North Lawn

*Bring a lawn chair and join us outside as we welcome the Risen Christ along with the rising sun.*

**9 AM** in the Sanctuary & online

**11 AM** in Wesley Hall



### **Messy Church - Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Sunday, April 10, 4-6 PM, Front Lawn & Wesley Hall**

(Please note - not the usual third Sunday.)

Register now for our Messy Easter Egg Hunt & More! Enjoy Holy Week activities, snacks, and our annual egg hunt!

**Registration is required** for egg hunters so we can be sure to have a safe and fun experience!

Register here: <https://forms.gle/M3uyrmZKH8fng9vK7>.

Extra volunteers for this high-attendance event are requested!

If you can help out, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105**.



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

**Monday, April 11, 6:30-8 PM, via Zoom**

On April 11, we will discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray.

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*

Calling everyone who would like to join our new Bible Study on Thursdays. We will be starting **Growing Older and Wiser** is another LifeGuide Group study. We will discover how God can effectively and powerfully use those who have grown wiser with the passing years. We will be able to have our group study and then some personal reflections on what we have discussed. Please come and join us! Thank You!

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



## Date Change for April's Equal Exchange Sale

*Sunday, April 10, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor*

Just for this month, Equal Exchange items will be sold on the **Second Sunday, April 10**. There will still be time to "hop" on over to get something warm or sweet to share with your loved ones for Easter! Learn more about Equal Exchange at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop).



## 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.



## Creation Justice Fair

*Saturday, April 23, 11 AM - 4 PM, Wesley Hall, Fellowship Hall, & Gathering Place*

April 23 is almost here and we hope you are getting as excited as we are! If you haven't already visited the Creation Justice Fair webpage at [www.umcb.org/creation-justice-fair](http://www.umcb.org/creation-justice-fair), we invite you to do so. You'll find lots of information about the event's activities and speakers. If you have seen it, we encourage you to take another look to see what has been updated and added

If you plan to participate in the rain barrel workshop but have not signed up yet, please do so soon. Space is limited. Registration was initially limited to those that linked from our website. Registration will be open to the public beginning **April 1**.

If you would like to help at the Fair, we are looking for many volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer at the Fair, please contact **Barb Dawson** (440- 885-1672, [bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net)) or Wendy Jelinek (440- 826-9027) or see one of our team members on Sunday mornings.

***We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!!***

## Memorial service for Buck Stultz

*Saturday, April 9, Visitation - 10:30 AM, Service - 11 AM, Asbury UMC in Delaware, OH*

The memorial service for Buck Stultz, spouse of former UMCB pastor, Rev. Valerie Stultz, will be Saturday, April 9 at Asbury UMC in Delaware, Ohio. The service will begin at 11 AM. The family will be available to greet beginning at 10:30 AM, and there will be a reception following the memorial service. For a Zoom link for the service, those who are interested are invited to email [marnyfrances@gmail.com](mailto:marnyfrances@gmail.com).

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## **Sunday, April 3 - Fifth 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](#)

### **Formation for All Ages**

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### **New Member Class**

4 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

### **The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)**

7 PM / Chapel

## **Monday, April 4**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivorship Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Perk Cup

## **Tuesday, April 5**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Animate: Spiritual Practices**

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

### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

### **Discipleship Collaborative**

7:00 PM / Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, April 6**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Homework Helpers**

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

## **Thursday, April 7**

### **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, April 8**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## **Saturday, April 9**

### **Arise Band Rehearsal**

TBA / Wesley Hall

### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, April 3 - Palm/Passion 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

### **Messy Church**

4-6 PM / Wesley Hall, Front Lawn / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

*Preregistration Required*

### **New Member Class**

4 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

### **The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)**

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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.