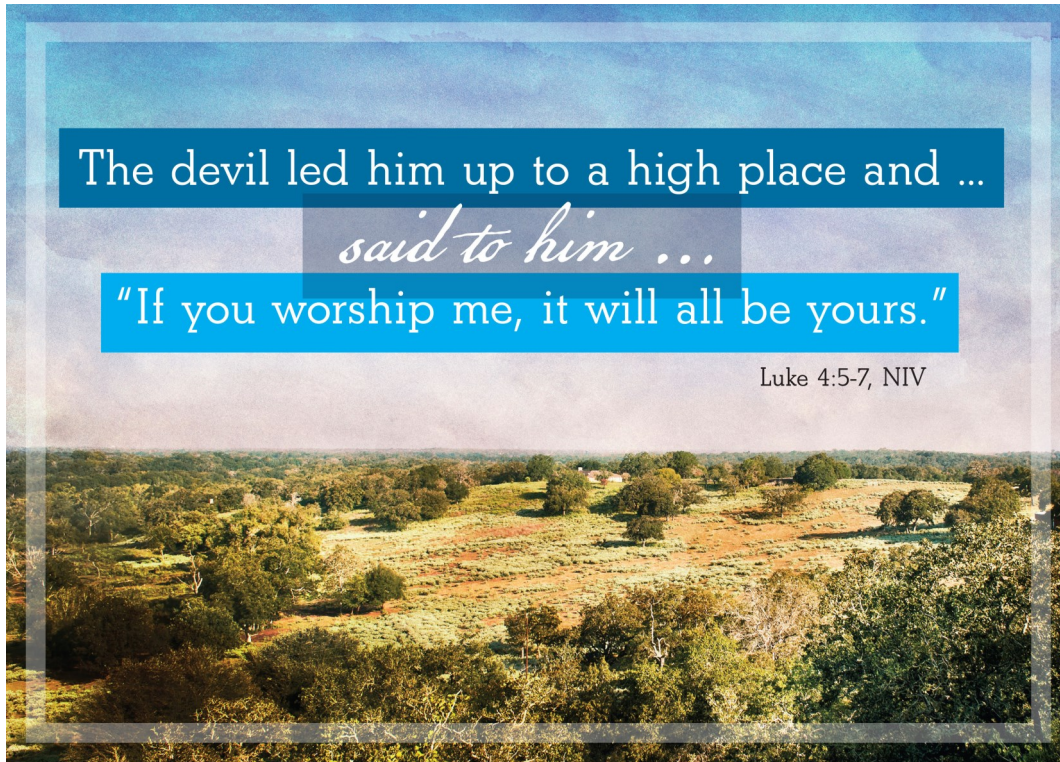


Worship Celebration



First Sunday
IN LENT

March 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/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

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

arr, Robert Hobby

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

Guide us today, O God, into a season of remembering and re-examining.

Show us again the way of our faith:

journeying, even wandering, boldly,

remembering with intention who and whose we are.

Guide us inward to the Word felt in our hearts,

and guide us outward to the Word experienced through the lives of others.

Grant us a season of depth and discovery, we pray. Amen.

+ Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

UMH 269

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 - Deuteronomy 26.1-11 (CEB)

26 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 4.1-13 (CEB)

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Choir Anthem

Remember the Lord

Dick & Melodie Tunney
arr. . Tom Fettke

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!

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

*Your ways, O God, always lead to life.
When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made,
remind us of your steadfast love.
When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life,
and when temptations threaten to lead us astray,
remind us of the faithfulness of Christ.
When our world seems endangered by forces beyond our control,
remind us that you are our refuge and strength.
In Christ's name, we pray for your presence
as we journey together this journey through Lent, all the way to the cross.*

(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.***

We thank you, God of the wilderness, for in the valley of dry bones
you create hearts of flesh, given life by the Spirit's breath.
You walk in cloud and fire, guiding your lost and discouraged people.
You empty yourself of might and glory,
setting your face toward a fickle crowd, a cruel empire,
and friends who betray and run away.
We welcome you, O Christ, whose cross brings to nothing the violence of the world,
whose faithfulness reveals a fuller, deeper way.

Therefore, 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 in Jesus Christ,
who calls us to come follow, who shows us how to resist temptation,
who accompanies us every step of the way.
When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and nights,
you bore up the ark on the waters, making covenant with every creature.
When you led your people to the mountain for forty days and nights,
you gave us your instructions and made us your covenant people.
When your people turned away, your prophet fasted for forty days and nights,
and on your holy mountain, heard your still, small voice.
Now, as we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,
you lead us to change our hearts and lives,
that during these forty days and nights of Lent we may be gifted and grown
to reaffirm the covenant you make with us through Christ.

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....

The Lord's Prayer

+ 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

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS 2238

+ Benediction

As you leave this place, abide in the shadow of the Most High.
God is our refuge and our strength.
As you wander through the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One.
Christ is our shelter in times of temptation and fear.
As you face times of difficulty, call on the name of the Lord.
The Spirit leads us safely through. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Oh, Help Me Lord to Praise Thee

J.S. Bach

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Joanne Mansfield

Music

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 6):

Loving God, all night I have slept in your shadow,
sheltered by your grace.
As I enter into the gift of this new day,
I trust that you are with me.
May I see signs and wonders of your presence
all around me,
for you alone are God.
Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,
for you are Lord of all. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 6):

God, as the shadows fall, I rest in you.
Thank you for the faith that held me fast today.
Thank you, too, for the gift of every person:
a living sign of your grace.
I pray this night for all who seek you.
Be near to them and show them your salvation.
And in the morning, when I rise,
give me your work for another day;
in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Lenten Devotional

Our Lenten Focus for this year is “practices”. 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 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) 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.



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!*



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 or 440-243-5767.



Animate: Spiritual Practices

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 or 440-234-3525 x105 to share your interest.



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 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

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Equal Exchange

Today, 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.



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!



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.



Remember or Honor a Loved One & Support Our Global Partners in Mission

This Easter, we are inviting you to give missionally and fill our worship space with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly will represent a donation made in memory or honor of a person of your naming. The funds donated will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission in Cambodia and Guatemala. (There will be some lovely flowers decorating our worship space as well.)

Request butterflies by **Wednesday March 30** online at www.umcb.org/donate or by using the forms available at the back of each worship space. Your donation can be made by a check mailed to the church or online at www.umcb.org/donate with the memo "butterfly".

A full list of those remembered or honored will be included in the Easter bulletin as well as the May Caller. After Easter, we invite you to come take your butterfly from our display or request it be mailed to you. You can then plant your butterfly to enjoy lovely spring flowers. (Directions will be included for planting.)

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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](#)

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](#)

Monday, March 7

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at The Brew Kettle

Animate: Spiritual Practices

7 PM / Zoom / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Tuesday, March 8

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

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 9

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Homework Helpers

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

Thursday, March 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, March 11

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, March 12

Sunday, March 13

Second 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

Creation Justice Fair team meeting

1:30 PM / Room 13

Afternoon Walk

4 PM / Rocky River Nature Center / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

The Porch (BW Campus Ministries)

7 PM / Chapel

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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.