

As Jesus approached . . .
the whole throng of
his disciples began
REJOICING.

Luke 19.34



Worship Celebration



April 10, 2022 + 9 AM

Palm/Passion Sunday begins Holy Week by embodying its sharp contrasts. In the opening palm celebration, we experience the joyous inaugural parade of Jesus entering Jerusalem. In the concluding reading from the Gospel, we are confronted by the story of our betrayal and Jesus' passion, or suffering. By the sharp contrast of this day, we are reminded of our various seasons of faithfulness: that our lives are filled both with suffering and with joy, with times of following Jesus closely and with times of falling away. Yet in every season, God's love for us remains faithful and true.

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 "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

I Sing the Power of Mighty God

Traditional English Melody
arr. by Alice Jordan

Choral Call to Worship

Subtuum praesidium

Charpentier

Subtuum praesidium con fugimus sancta Dei genitrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus.
Sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper.
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

*Beneath your protection we take refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Despite not our petitions and necessities,
But deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

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Words of Welcome

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.*

+ **Gospel Lesson**—Luke 19.29-40 (CEB)

²⁹As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. ³⁰He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" ³²Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

³³As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They replied, "Its master needs it." ³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. ³⁶As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

³⁷As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. ³⁸They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

³⁹Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

+ **Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vv. 1-2, 5)

UMH 280

+ **Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29** (NRSV)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let all God's people say together, "God's steadfast love endures forever!"

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord is God and has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches up to the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

***O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.***

Handbell Choir Anthem

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna/All Glory Laud, and Honor

Gesangbuch der H.W. k. Hofkapelle, harm. W.H. Monk / Melchior Teschner, harm. W. H. Monk

Epistle Lesson—Philippians 2.5-11 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Christ, though in the image of God,

did not deem equality with God something to be clung to—

but instead became completely empty and took on the image of oppressed humankind:

born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus was thus humbled—obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted Christ

and gave to Jesus the name that is above every other name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend

in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth,

and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God!

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Choir Anthem

In Dulci Jubilo

M. Praetorius

In dulci jubilo nu singet und seid froh!
Unsers Herzens Wonne leit in praesepio.
Und leuchtet wie die Sonne Matris in gremio.
Alpha es et O!

*In sweet rejoicing, now sing and be glad!
Our heart's joy lies in the manger,
And shines like the sun in the Mother's lap.
You are the alpha and the omega.*

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Sermon

Choir Anthem

*Schafe Können Sicher Weiden (Sheep May Safely Graze)
From Cantata BWV 208*

J.S. Bach

Schafe können sicher weiden
Wo ein gater Hirte wacht.
Wo Regenten wohl regieren,
Kann man Ruh' und Friden spüren
Und was Länder glücklich macht

*Sheep are able to safely graze
Where a good Shepherd watches.
Where Regents kindly rule,
Can man sense quiet and peace
And a happy country.*

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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 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!

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ The Passion—Luke 23.1-49 (CEB)

²³ The whole assembly got up and led Jesus to Pilate and ² began to accuse him. They said, "We have found this man misleading our people, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar, and claiming that he is the Christ, a king."

³ Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "That's what you say."

⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no legal basis for action against this man."

⁵ But they objected strenuously, saying, "He agitates the people with his teaching throughout Judea—starting from Galilee all the way here."

⁶ Hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was from Herod's district, Pilate sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ Herod was very glad to see Jesus, for he had heard about Jesus and had wanted to see him for quite some time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. ⁹ Herod questioned Jesus at length, but Jesus didn't respond to him. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the legal experts were there, fiercely accusing Jesus. ¹¹ Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt. Herod mocked him by dressing Jesus in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² Pilate and Herod became friends with each other that day. Before this, they had been enemies.

¹³ Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people. ¹⁴ He said to them, "You brought this man before me as one who was misleading the people. I have questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man's conduct that provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, because Herod returned him to us. He's done nothing that deserves death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I'll have him whipped, then let him go."

¹⁸ But with one voice they shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." (¹⁹ Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus.

²¹ They kept shouting out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

²² For the third time, Pilate said to them, "Why? What wrong has he done? I've found no legal basis for the death penalty in his case. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go."

²³ But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices won out. ²⁴ Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. ²⁵ He released the one they asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.

²⁶ As they led Jesus away, they grabbed Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside. They put the cross on his back and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A huge crowd of people followed Jesus, including women, who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned to the women and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry for me. Rather, cry for yourselves and your children. ²⁹ The time will come when they will say, 'Happy are those who are unable to become pregnant, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed a child.' ³⁰ Then *they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'* ³¹ *If they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

³² They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. ³³ When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

³⁵ The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o'clock, ⁴⁵ while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle. ⁴⁶ Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, *into your hands I entrust my life.*" After he said this, he breathed for the last time.

⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, saying, "It's really true: this man was righteous." ⁴⁸ All the crowds who had come together to see this event returned to their homes beating their chests after seeing what had happened. ⁴⁹ And everyone who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance observing these things.

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

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

+ Hymn

We Sang Our Glad Hosannas (vv. 1-4)

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist/Pianist*
Victoria Lero, *Hand Bell Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak

Liturgist

Sharon Williams

Baldwin Wallace University

Treble Choir

Jami Lercher, *Conductor*
Brianna McFadden, *Cello*
Makayla Kelly, *Flute*
Hannah Fuller, *Flute*

Holy Week 2022 Worship Opportunities



Maundy Thursday

April 14

7 PM in the Sanctuary & Online



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



Holy Saturday

April 16

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>.



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



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, April 24, 4 PM, Bradley Woods (on Bradley Road in Westlake)

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us as we explore Bradley Woods.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by **Thursday, April 21** to
Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



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 or 440-243-5767.



Upcoming Book Discussion

At the heart of our discipleship journey—growing in our love of God and neighbor—is the ongoing challenge and opportunity to perceive ourselves and each other more fully and more truly as God's beloved children. Please join us for one or more of these conversations around books that can help us grow in this sacred work.

Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference

by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

To express your interest in participating in any of these discussions and to receive Zoom login information, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Animate: Faith

Sundays, 10 AM, Chapel

The last in the *Animate* series for this year, we invite you to join us in exploring the foundations of Christian Faith: God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church. Participants will share their questions and explore faith together as they reflect on leading voices in Christianity. Those who have completed the other two Animate series love the journal books that allow you to doodle, color, and “chicken scratch” your ideas. No need to have taken the other two series to participate.

Let **Pastor Carrie** know if you’d like to join us and would like a book at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



"Hop" on over for Equal Exchange items for Easter

TODAY! 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

For this month only, Equal Exchange items will be sold on the second Sunday, **today, April 10**. “Hop” on over to get something warm or sweet to share with your loved ones for Easter and help God's children and His earth at the same time! *Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society*



UMCB Loves Chipotle! (Chipotle Fundraiser supporting Second Mile Outreach)

Wednesday, April 20, 4 - 8 PM, Bagley Road, Middleburg Hts.

Our generous financial donation, weekly food collection, UMW’s shelf sponsorship, and numerous donations assist Street Ministries/Second Mile Outreach in responding to our community’s needs. Here’s another chance to help - Simply mention Second Mile Outreach when you order, and a portion of your cost will benefit our local mission. Thank you for your continued support. Celebrate, donate, and enjoy. Yummy!!



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, 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.

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)** 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!!

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, April 10):

God, as I enter this new day,
I ask that you keep me mindful
of the profound nature of this Holy Week.
Help me to go beyond the joyful parade
and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world,
mindful that he was obedient to you,
even to the cross. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, April 10):

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
If I remembered today my betrayals of you,
remind me now of your steadfast love for me,
as I give this day into your hands
and find my rest in your peace. Amen.

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Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, April 10 - 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)

7 PM / Chapel

Monday, April 11

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Max & Erma's

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / via Zoom

Tuesday, April 12

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](#)

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, April 13

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Homework Helpers

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

Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Choir

6:15 PM / Sanctuary /

Contact [Courtney Popp](#) or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

Caller Submission Deadline - Please submit your articles to info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Good Friday Community Crosswalk

Noon / meet at Coe Lake

Good Friday Community Service

1 PM (immediately following the Crosswalk) / Kiwanis Pavilion

Good Friday Worship Service

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Worship Service

7 PM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship

7 AM / Front Lawn - bring a chair

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

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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.