

Worship Celebration



John 13:34

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost (this year, on June 5). This is our most joyous and celebrative season and the core of the entire Christian year. Together, we focus on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the continual invitation and call from God to live as Easter people, practicing resurrection by sharing God's renewing love with the world.

May 15, 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 "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

Elevation

Dom Benoit

(from *Le Grand Orgue; Collection de Musique Ancienne et Moderne*)

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

This is a new day, full of promise and new life!

By God's grace, we are a new creation, full of passion and boundless love!

Gathered as one, welcoming all,

we worship together as a community called "beloved."

Gathered in love, giving thanks for life,

we join our voices with all of creation.

+ Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1-4,7)

UMH 62

Handbell Anthem

Like a Glorious River

Douglas E. Wagner

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 - Acts 11.1-18 (CEB)

11 The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. **2**When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. **3**They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

4Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. **5**"I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. **6**As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. **7**I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' **8**I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' **9**The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' **10**This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. **11**At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. **12**The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. **13**He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. **14**He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' **15**When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. **16**I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17**If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"

18Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 13.31-35 (CEB)

³¹When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son of Man in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³³Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’

³⁴“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. REPEAT

Draw the circle, draw wider still.

Let this be our song: No one stands alone! Standing side by side,

draw the circle, draw the circle wide. REPEAT

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw wider still.

Let this be our song: No one stands alone! Standing side by side,

draw the circle, draw the circle wide. REPEAT

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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. If you are worshiping with us online, you can share your prayer request through the “comments” section on Facebook. And throughout the week, you can share your prayer requests with Pastor Nathan (440-234-3525 x101, nhowe@umcb.org), the church office (info@umcb.org), or through our website (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!

Offertory Choir Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Hymn

text: trans. Mary E. Byrne, vers. Eleanor H. Hull

tune: arr. Tom Fettke

*Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord!
 Alleluia, alleluia, Give praise to his name.
 Spread the good news o’ver all the earth:
 Jesus has died and has risen.
 Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord!
 Alleluia, alleluia, Give praise to his name.*

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*Living God, send your Holy Spirit to bless these gifts
 with your life and hope.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
 that we also may bring life and hope to others
 as we share our gifts in the world.
 Love your world through us; live your good news through us,
 that others may know your life-giving love. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God’s Name

+ Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH 548

+ Benediction

With faith in the risen Christ,
we go forth to proclaim a new creation.
 With the power of God’s Holy Spirit,
we go forth to serve our neighbors.
 With the love of God our Creator,
we go forth to love as fully as we are loved.
 For Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

Postlude

Canon

Louis Vierne

(from 24 Pieces en style libre, Op. 31)

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
 Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Carol Anne McCleery

Music

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

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
 Marlynda Dziak
 Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 15):
Delivering God,
each day we awaken to your goodness,
and our hearts cry out in praise.
Do not let us hinder your love today.
Strengthen our will
as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of love.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 15):
Faithful God,
the nightly dance of earth, moon, and stars
speaks of your gift:
love given, love received.
We give thanks this night
for the love you have shown us this day.
Let us rest in your peace. Amen.

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Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, May 22, 4 PM

Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Road, Columbia Station)

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

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by **Thursday, May 19** to
Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Upcoming Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

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 this conversation ***The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness*** by Gregory Boyle, which can help us grow in this sacred work.

To express your interest in participating, please contact **Pastor Nathan**
at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Join us for PRIDE!

Saturday, June 4

Join us in showing our PRIDE! Supporting and encouraging the LGBTQA+ community is one way we share God's abounding love. So, we are excited to be marching in the Cleveland Pride march on June 4th for the first time! We are gathering names of those interested in joining us for either marching and/or hosting a table at the event. Final details are being worked out, but we anticipate this being an all morning and most of the afternoon commitment. We are grateful to be teaming up with Westlake UMC whose commitment to this mission field inspires us!

If you'd like to: march, table host, and/or create banners, signs, and prep other materials,
please sign up at <https://forms.gle/fdKdSrj8PLPKMJoF8>.

Questions: Please contact either **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or
cantczak@umcb.org or **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Volunteers Needed for The 50th Anniversary Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 5, 12:30-2 PM

The Strawberry Festival will be returning this year! The 50th Anniversary of Strawberry Festival will be held on **Sunday, June 5 from 12:30-2 PM**. We will have indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) seating this year. This is a community event that requires a LOT of helping hands.

Please consider volunteering so this event can be as successful as it always has been!

Look for the volunteer sign-up board in the Narthex.

If you have questions or would like to sign up directly, feel free to contact **Jill Bush**, the Strawberry Festival Chairperson, at **440-667-3182** or **jill.bush@gmail.com**!



Griefshare

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM or Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We have started a new session of Griefshare Support Group in May. It is a 13-week session filled with some reading, some questions, some laughter, and a few tears - all in the comfort of your home. Come meet some new friends who share the same concerns and thoughts as you might have. We will talk about feelings, about doubts, and about problems getting back to a new normal way of life.

For more information and Zoom details, contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **marylynn482@gmail.com** or **440-409-5931**.



Beloved Neighborhood Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 9:30 AM-12:15 PM

A Berea Church Collaboration hosted at The UMC of Berea

Welcome to the Beloved Neighborhood, where we're glad to call you neighbor! Our goal is to share the love and joy of Jesus with your family, as we bring to life the work and ministry of Mr. Rogers. This is a collaborative ministry of several Berea churches with one message: ***God loves you just the way you are!***

Registration is now open!

Children: **<https://forms.gle/89joFG8THjFqQSEd9>**

Volunteers (Adults and Youth): **<https://forms.gle/N2uRy37vHnXezFuQ6>**



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Calling everyone who would like to join our study of **Growing Older and Wiser**, a 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** or **440-409-5931**.



May's Love Your Neighbor - Bubble Palooza!

During Annual Conference in June, congregations are encouraged to donate most wanted items for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to aid the mission in responding to disasters. This year, those items are all squeaky cleaning items!

Please donate:

- ❖ Liquid Laundry Detergent (less than 150 oz)
- ❖ Liquid House Cleaner (less than 80 oz)
- ❖ Liquid Dish soap (not dishwasher soap, and less than 64 oz.)

All items can be brought to the bins near the outreach board. We'll celebrate May 29 with a Bubble Palooza after each worship service!



Messy Church Carnival

TODAY, 4-6 PM, Wesley Hall

Bring your friends and neighbors to have the most fun NOT under a big tent! A faith-filled carnival is coming to town May 15th, right to our Messy Church! Join us at 4 pm to experience the fun, the thrills, and the amazing action of...The HOLY SPIRIT! Pentecost meets the big top in this fun filled event! We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!

Questions or want to volunteer?

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



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.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Caller Submissions Due - Please submit your article to info@umcb.org or the church office mailbox.

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

Monday, May 16

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Olive Garden

Tuesday, May 17

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Tuesday Griefshare

1:30 PM / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at \[marylynn482@gmail.com\]\(mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com\)](#)

Wednesday, May 18

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Griefshare

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

Thursday, May 19

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 \[marylynn482@gmail.com\]\(mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com\)](#)

Choir

7:00 PM / Sanctuary /
Contact [Courtney Popp](#) or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, May 20

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, May 21

Sunday, May 22 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 9AM - 3 PM
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Office Phone: 440-234-3525 x100, **Cell:** 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.