

Worship Celebration



Sixth 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 22, 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

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Robert Hobby

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, our constant Companion.

Remind us of all that Jesus taught.

Refresh us with water from your life-giving stream, and renew us with your peace.

Grant us visions of your new creation,

and draw us together as sisters and brothers in your family.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, and stay with us. Amen.

+ Hymn

Forward through the Ages

UMH 555

Grow in God's Word

Blessing of Oliver Tyler Beckman

Oliver Tyler Beckman was born on May 17, 2022 to Tyler and Katie Beckman. Pat Beckman is the proud Great Grandmother.

Hail the day on which a child, Oliver Tyler Beckman, was born.

Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise her that gave birth to a son for whom she longed.

Greet this day with joy. Our hearts are glad.

Let us pray.

O Creator, who dost all human beings create,

thou hast a great worth on us conferred by bringing us this little child.

Amen.

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 16.9-15 (CEB)

⁹A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. ¹²From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. ¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. ¹⁴One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. ¹⁵Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson - Genesis 2.8-9, 15-17 (CEB)

⁸The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. ⁹In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶The LORD God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; ¹⁷but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Third Lesson - Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5 (CEB)

¹⁰He took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I didn't see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. ²³The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. ²⁷Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful, but only those who are registered in the Lamb's scroll of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb ²through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month. The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. ³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

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

Always By Our Side

Mark Burrow
arr. Mary McDonald

+ Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia

UMH 162

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

Alpha and Omega, from beginning to end, you are our God.

With your abundant love, you bless us beyond measure.

In gratitude, we share these gifts and ask that you use them and us for your purposes.

May all your children receive your peace, in part, through our generosity. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

+ Benediction

We are God's children, every one.

God dwells with us and offers us peace.

Go, then, as God's people into this world.

We will carry God's message of peace, sharing peace with everyone we meet.

Go with God's blessings, for Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

Postlude

Expression No. 4

Jean Langlais

***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
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 22):
Holy Spirit,
enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's,
that through deepened prayer,
we too might rise to action
in service of the gospel. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 22):
God, it is night,
and the time for rest has come.
We have served you in love this day,
and for this we give you thanks.
Do not leave us comfortless now,
but send your Spirit to abide with us
as we trust in you this night. Amen.

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Sunday Afternoon Walk

Today!, 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!



Volunteers Needed for The 50th Anniversary Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 5, 12:30-2 PM

A reminder that the 50th Anniversary Strawberry Festival is just weeks away! Please join me **Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 12:30-2:00 pm.**

Currently, I am currently extremely short on volunteers! It takes MANY volunteers to make this event happen! Help during the event will be broken into shifts so no one works the entire event (except me)! Please consider helping!

Check the volunteer sign-up board in the Narthex or contact me (**Jill Bush**) at **440-667-3182** or jill.bush@gmail.com to see how you can help!

I look forward to seeing you all there!



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.



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.



Griefshare

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

Griefshare Support Group 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>



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!



Help Build Hope Wall Build

July 15 & 16, The UMC of Berea Parking Lot

Register at www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea

A BIG thank you to everyone who has generously supported our Help Build Hope Intergenerational Mission project! We are getting very close to our actual build days! While we are doing wonderfully with our fundraising efforts, we still have some gaps to fill.

If you have not yet made your donation towards this future Habitat for Humanity home, we encourage you to do so now! Donations can be sent to the church by check with "Help Build Hope" in the memo line, or given online at www.umcb.org/donate, using the other box with "Help Build Hope".

NOW it is time to form our serving teams! Whether you are nailing and building, offering hospitality, or helping with our children's activities, we need you to fill out the registration form, which can be found at www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea. After you register, we ask for you to invite FOUR others by the ***FOURTH of July!***

If you need assistance with registration or have questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.



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 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](#)

Formation for All Ages

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 PM / Columbia Reservation

Monday, May 23

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivorship Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Lunch at Rivals Sports Grill

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Help Build Hope

7 PM / Room 13

Tuesday, May 24

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](#)

Book Discussion: The Whole Language

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 25

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Wednesday Griefshare

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

Thursday, May 26

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, May 27

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, May 28

William Miller Memorial

11 AM / Sanctuary

Sunday, May 29 - Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at <http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / [Join online](#)

Formation

10 AM / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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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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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.