

BeUMC Worship Series

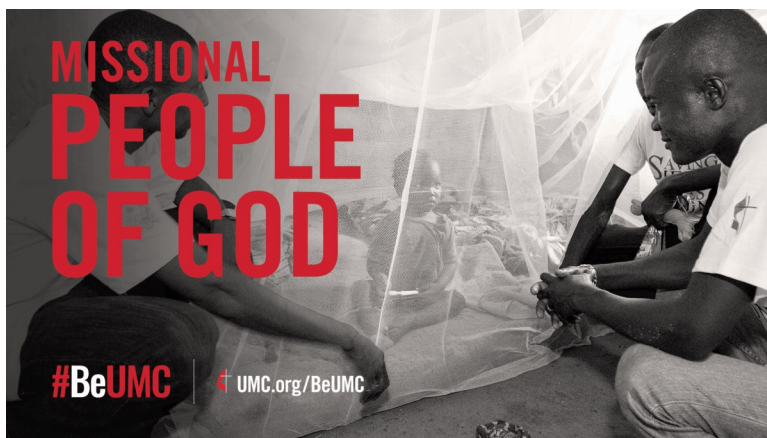
June 19—July 10

During four weeks this summer, we are remembering who we are at our best: *we are the people of God called The United Methodist Church, living as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and seeking to transform the world into God's beloved community.*

Week Three:

Connecting and Impacting

We are *connected, generous, missional, and world-changing* people of God, serving together to build a beloved community. With more than 12 million members around the world, we are a powerful connection, living and sharing the grace of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are committed to working for global health, education, creation care, child welfare, disaster recovery, and countless other efforts, giving thanks that together, our impact is far greater than it would be alone.



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.**

Worship Celebration

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. Aaron David Miller

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

*God of unexpected mercies and challenging calls, it can be disorienting to live as your people.
You turn our mourning into dancing, then send us out as lambs among wolves.
You turn our weeping into shouts of joy, then commission us to seek the well-being
of those who have hurt and betrayed us.
You create us as unique individuals, then call us to say "no" to ourselves
so we can say "yes" to your beloved community.
Meet us in our confusion. Make your presence known in our questions.
Grant us courage to speak Christ's words of peace and to share Christ's words of comfort,
bearing witness through our lives and words that your new world has come near. Amen.*

+ Hymn

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

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 - 2 Kings 5.1-14 (CEB)

⁵ Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. ² Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

³ She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went and told his master what the young girl from the land of Israel had said.

⁵ Then Aram's king said, "Go ahead. I will send a letter to Israel's king."

So Naaman left. He took along ten kikkars of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ He brought the letter to Israel's king. It read, "Along with this letter I'm sending you my servant Naaman so you can cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me."

⁸When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel."

⁹Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean."

¹¹But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. ¹²Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

¹³Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" ¹⁴So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

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

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

Gospel Lesson - Luke 10.1-9 (CEB)

10 After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. ³Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. ⁵Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' ⁶If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. ⁷Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'

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

Sermon

+ Hymn

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

Prayers of the People

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 Anthem

This Is My Song

UMH 437

Invitation to Communion

Christ our Lord invites to this table all who love God,
who are ready to live as God's beloved children,
and who seek to live in peace with each other.

Therefore, as we gather in communion, let us first consider and confess all that separates us:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

***We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.***

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember the good news: the grace of God is holding us and perfecting us day by day,
making us holy and whole. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

In fellowship with the Holy Spirit, we are freed to live more fully.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

You form us in your image and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast.

You deliver us from captivity, make covenant to be our sovereign God,

and speak to us through your prophets, who look for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up weapons against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the communion of your good creation,
we praise your name and join 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 Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to those in poverty, to liberate those oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come when you would heal the goodness of your creation.

Christ healed the sick, fed the hungry, and shared meals with the "unlovable."

By the baptism of his life, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from our addiction to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As Christ ascended, you sent us out into your beloved world again to heal and preach good news.

On the night when Jesus gave himself fully for us, he 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, gave thanks to you,

gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Receive, eat; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all.

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 our gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by your love.

***By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,***
until Christ comes in final glory, and we feast all together at your table.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup
Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS 2171

+ Prayer following Communion

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

+ Benediction

In the spirit of Christ, let us bear one another's burdens.

Let us heal one another with words and signs of peace.

Leave this place of worship to serve in our community,
trusting that our service never is in vain.

***Our lives and our efforts are knit together by God's grace,
creating a tapestry of love and new life.***

Go, then, with the peace of God, with the love of Christ, and in communion with the Holy Spirit.
Go to love and serve the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Overture from "Fireworks"

G.F. Handel

***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*
Logan Byerly, *Vocalist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Liturgist

Linda Tucker

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of JoAnne Hahn
by her daughter, Laura Rushton.*

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 3):

Each morning when we wake up, O God,
we are reminded of your presence.
The light of the sun, the sounds of the birds:
your creation serves as witness to your love.
Transform our awe into praises this day
that those around us can notice through us
your living, loving presence. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 3):

We have heard your voice, O God.
Through smiles and words,
through music and tears,
we have heard your voice!
Give us the comfort of your presence
as we begin to move toward the end of this day.
Allow us to have rest in your peace. Amen.

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An Invitation to Provide Altar Flowers

You are invited to provide the altar flowers for our Sunday worship service. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Use one of the forms on the bulletin board just to the left of the office hallway door or online at www.umcb.org/donate to indicate your choice of date and how the flowers will be provided.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
the **Church Office** at 440-234-3525 x100 or info@umcb.org.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We are learning about the Parables. We will be able to have our group study and then some personal reflections on what we have discussed.

Questions? Contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Help Build Hope Wall Build

July 15 & 16, Our Parking Lot, Register at www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea

A heartfelt thank you for all of the support this church has shown in bringing this mission to its final stage - actually building the house! With our fundraising nearly completed, we are ready to get to sawing, hammering, and praying over this future Habitat for Humanity home!

If you have not yet registered to join us in building July 15-16, there is still time! Go to: www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea by July 10. Walk ups to the event will be welcome, but for our best planning, we ask that you register as soon as possible. We anticipate building on Saturday to end by early afternoon.

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



Equal Exchange Sale

TODAY, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Make delicious iced tea or coffee while caring for farmers and our environment. Stop by our table this morning to see the variety of fairly traded options available. And learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.



Feed the Kids

Donations accepted in the Bin by the Outreach Board (Next to room 13)

Packing Day - Sunday, July 24, 10 AM (Between Worship Services)

Service Day - Monday, July 25, 5-7 PM

You are invited to join us helping to “Feed the Kids” this summer by providing for food insecure families. Over the school year, children receive free or reduced cost meals. However, summer can be a very challenging time for families without this assistance.

How you can help:

- Donate these items to the outreach bin: breakfast items (like pop-tarts, cereal), single-serve lunch/dinner items (like canned pasta, easy mac, cup-o-noodles, canned protein, soup, etc.), juice boxes, fruit cups or fruit pouches, and individually wrapped snacks. Also needed - clean, grocery-size brown paper bags. Keep in mind that easy to prepare or zero-preparation foods make it easier for children.
- Help assemble bags between worship services on Sunday, July 24 in Fellowship Hall
- Distribute Lunches on Monday, July 25, 5-7PM. (Thanks to everyone who has already signed up! We just need a couple more!)

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 21, 1 PM - 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Come to give blood for a ticket to a Cedar Fair theme park of your choice, while supplies last! Appointments are highly encouraged.

To schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: **CedarPoint** or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.



Join the Creation Justice Team

The Creation Justice Team is beginning to plan additional Creation Justice events. If you are interested in learning more about Creation Justice and would like to participate, please contact:

Barb Dawson at 440 885-1672 or bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net
or **Pastor Nathan** at 440 234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.

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)

While our county remains at either a “medium” or a “low” community level rating, face masks will be optional in our building. If you are immunocompromised or at higher risk for severe disease, please consult with your healthcare provider about wearing a mask or taking other additional precautions. **If you are experiencing symptoms—including but not limited to a cough, fever or chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, or congestion—please practice caution and stay connected with us from home until your symptoms are ended.**

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, July 3

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / Gathering Place / [Join online](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Cleveland Guardians Outing

1:40 PM / Progressive Field

Monday, July 4

Independence Day - Offices Closed

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Red Lobster

Tuesday, July 5

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, July 6

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Climate Justice Short Term Study

6:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Griefshare

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

Thursday, July 7

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

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

Friday, July 8

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, July 9

Sunday, July 10

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Fellowship Hour via Zoom

10 AM / Gathering Place / [Join online](#)

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Church Office - Beth Barner

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM

Tuesday, Friday Beth works from home 9AM - 3 PM

ebarner@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x100

Cell: 440-710-4498

Please Note: Beth will be on vacation July 6-13. During this time, urgent emails and voicemails left for the Church Office will be returned by one of the other staff members. All other messages will be addressed following her return on July 14.

Finance Office - Maryann Herron

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM – 3 PM

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Facilities Manager - Mark Williams

Office Hours vary based on need

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Pastors Nathan Howe & Carrie Antczak

Office Hours vary based on need.

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Please note: Friday is a day of Sabbath for our pastors, a time to rest and restore. We kindly ask that you please refrain from calling or texting them on this day. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact the church office (440-234-3525 x100, info@umcb.org) and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.