



# Worship Celebration

*Seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost*

July 24, 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](https://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.***

# We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

*Sarabande from French Suite No. 5*

J. S. Bach

## Words of Welcome

### + Opening Prayer

*Life Giver, Lover of Us All, remind us that we are your beloved children.  
As we gather together in worship today, we wait to hear your word;  
we yearn to know your love.  
Give us the bread we need for today,  
that we might then go and feed a world that hungers still for wholeness.  
Amen.*

### + Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

UMH 546

## 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 - Psalm 85 (NRSVUE)

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin. *Selah*
- <sup>3</sup> *You withdrew all your wrath;*  
*you turned from your hot anger.*
- <sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us.
- <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him  
and will make a path for his steps.

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

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

## Gospel Lesson - Luke 11.1-13 (CEB)

**11** Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup> Jesus told them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> Give us the bread we need for today.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don’t lead us into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> He also said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>Imagine further that he answers from within the house, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I assure you, even if he wouldn’t get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend’s brashness. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

<sup>11</sup>“Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? <sup>12</sup>If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

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

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

## Sermon

+ Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

## 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 worshipping 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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)), the church office ([info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org)), or through our website ([www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://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](http://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**

*New Wine*

Brooke Ligertwood

+ Doxology

UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*Generous Giver, having received so much from you,  
we offer now our tithes and offerings into your hands,  
that they may bring hope and gladness to others.  
Bless us and all the ways that we give that our lives may communicate your love.  
Amen.*

## **We Go Out to Serve in God's Name**

+ Hymn

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

TFWS 2171

+ Benediction

As you have received Christ's calling, continue now to live your lives in love.

*We will remain rooted and built up in Christ,  
abounding in thanksgiving and established in faith, just as we have learned.*

Forgiven, loved, and filled with the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the world.

*We will! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Postlude

*Allemande from French Suite No. 5*

J. S. Bach

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

## Worship Participants

### **Guest Preacher**

Linda Mc Cowen

### **Pastor**

Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Liturgist**

Orley Aten

### **Music**

Nicole E. DiPaolo, *Pianist*  
Grace Dahl, *vocalist*

### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debbie Haas

*The altar arrangement is given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Larry Jelinek's birthday with love by his kids, Wendy and Keli.*

#### **Morning Prayer** (week of Sunday, July 24):

Thank you, God of light, for waking me today.  
May I live wholly for you,  
that whatever I say and do  
might help make a path  
for your beloved community.  
Open my eyes and ears to your goodness  
and my heart to all your children. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer** (week of Sunday, July 24):

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of this day:  
its challenges and its blessings,  
its burdens and its delights.  
Forgive my failures, and refine my heart,  
that I may greet the new day  
to live more faithfully for you. 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](http://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](mailto:info@umcb.org).



**New 3-Week Study - *Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities:*  
*Reflections on gun violence from Micah 4.1-4*  
*Wednesdays August 3, 10, and 17, 7 PM, Room 13***

Throughout our scriptures and our faith tradition, we learn and are reminded that God deplores violence of every kind. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. Yet the prevalence of guns in our nation makes violence both more deadly and more frequent. Domestic violence becomes more deadly when a gun is present in the home. Rates of suicide are higher in households where guns are accessible. If we hope to end the epidemic of gun violence, we need a cultural shift as well as a policy shift.

The prophet Micah casts a hopeful vision of the future in which nations will "beat their swords into iron plows, and their spears into pruning hooks" (Micah 4.3). In response to this vision, The United Methodist Church urges all "congregations to advocate at the local and national level for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence." As a part of our congregation's faithful response, you are invited to join us for a three-week Bible study prepared by the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church and based on Micah 4.1-4. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in Room 13, August 3, 10, and 17.

For more information or to express your intent to participate, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x101**.

All are welcome. Please join us.



**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. Please come and join us! Thank You!

Questions? Contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



**Griefshare**  
***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. 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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



### **Drink Local Drink Tap Beach Clean-ups**

*Saturdays , August 13, and September 10, 10 AM - Noon, Edgewater Park  
Registration Required at*

*<https://drinklocaldrinktap.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>*

Enjoy the summer weather with your family near Lake Erie and partner with some new people to protect birds and fish and help clean up our great lake! Join Drink Local Drink Tap for their summer beach clean-ups will be held from 10 AM - Noon on Saturdays August 13 and September 10. Registration is **required** for the clean-ups. Register at <https://drinklocaldrinktap.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>. - Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



### **Loose Change Offering**

This month's loose change benefits Berea Animal Rescue Fund, the mission of Vacation Bible School! Join us in supporting our fellow beloved creatures by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".

Your generosity towards is greatly appreciated.



### **Support Our Local Food Pantries**

*Donations can be left in the cupboard between the Narthex and the Library*

We support our local food pantries on a continual basis. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the Sanctuary and the library anytime you are in the building. Deliveries to pantries are made regularly as we do our best to keep them stocked.

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](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.

### **Open House Celebration of Dr. Steve Bailey**

*Sunday, August 7, 2-4 PM, Rocky River UMC (19414 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH 44116)*

Join us to help celebrate and thank Dr. Bailey for his 8-year tenure as the North Coast District Superintendent, as well as share best wishes with him as he continues his ministry in the local church community and beyond. If you cannot attend but would like to send a card for Dr. Bailey to receive at the celebration, please mail to:

North Coast District UMC  
Attn: Dr. Bailey Celebration  
4700 Rockside Rd., Suite 300  
Independence, OH 44131

*(to be received no later than **August 4**)*

# Happening at The UMCB this week:

## **Sunday, July 24**

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

### **Feed the Kids Packing Day**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

## **Monday, July 25**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Lunch only / Perkins

### **Feed the Kids Service Day**

5-7 PM / Smith Elementary  
(535 Wyleswood, Berea)

## **Tuesday, July 26**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## **Wednesday, July 27**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

### **Griefshare**

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

## **Thursday, July 28**

### **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 29**

### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

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

## **Saturday, July 30**

## **Sunday, July 31**

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

### **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](mailto:ebarner@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x100  
**Cell:** 440-710-4498

### **Finance Office - Maryann Herron**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday** 10 AM – 3 PM  
[mherron@umcb.org](mailto:mherron@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x103

### **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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[cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x105

***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](mailto:info@umcb.org)) and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.*