



Worship Celebration

*Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost*

August 7, 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)

While our county is at “high” community level, you are asked to wear a face mask at all times inside our building in accordance with CDC guidelines. Wearing a well-fitted face mask provides a layer of safety for you and for others in the room with you. Please practice love for your neighbors by wearing a face mask whenever you are indoors and in public, in our building and throughout our county.

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

Chaconne in F major

Louis Couperin

Words of Welcome

+ Opening Prayer

God of light and love, you delight in your creation.

Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity and integrity.

Illumine our minds with the truth of your word and way.

Inspire our hearts to seek your grace alone,

that our lives may be aligned with your love, justice, and peace.

Through Jesus Christ, our hope and promise, we pray and worship. Amen.

+ Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

Grow in God's Word

Blessing of Jack Elmer Kocher

Jack Elmer Kocher was born on July 29, 2022, to Juanina and Ryan Kocher. Marlynda Dziak is the Great Aunt.

Hail the day on which a child, Jack Elmer Kocher, 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 - Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 (CEB)

1 The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

¹⁰ Hear the LORD's word, you leaders of Sodom.

Listen to our God's teaching,
people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What should I think about all your sacrifices?
says the LORD.

I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts.

I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from you,
this trampling of my temple's courts?

¹³ Stop bringing worthless offerings.
Your incense repulses me.

New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly—
I can't stand wickedness with celebration!

¹⁴ I hate your new moons and your festivals.
They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.

¹⁵ When you extend your hands,
I'll hide my eyes from you.
Even when you pray for a long time,
I won't listen.
Your hands are stained with blood.
¹⁶ Wash! Be clean!
Remove your ugly deeds from my sight.
Put an end to such evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good.
Seek justice:
help the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, and let's settle this,
says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet,
they will be white as snow.
If they are red as crimson,
they will become like wool.
¹⁹ If you agree and obey,
you will eat the best food of the land.
²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.
The LORD has said this.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 12.32-40 (CEB)

³² "Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. ³⁴ Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

³⁵ "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. ³⁶ Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. ³⁷ Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. ³⁸ Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. ³⁹ But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn't have allowed his home to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at a time when you don't expect him."

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)

TFWS 2212

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

Believe For It

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 of the Bread & Cup

Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH 340

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

+ Benediction

Be ready, and be not afraid, trusting that God is going with you.
We are dressed for love, dressed for service, clothed completely in Christ.
Go forth from this place to be Christ’s love and compassion in a hurting world.
We will! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Sharon Williams

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 7):

Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us,
and we are made new each morning.
Be with me as I begin this new day,
that my faith would be reckoned as righteousness,
and my works would find favor in your sight.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 7):

Holy God, at the setting of the sun
I am reminded of my need for your grace.
Help me to be more faithful to justice,
more truthful in love,
and ever mindful of your mercy
in the days to come. Amen.

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2022 Baldwin Wallace Back-to-Class Grab-and-Go Breakfast **Monday, August 22, 8:30 - 11 am, In Front of the Church**

Once again, we want to welcome back to Berea our neighbors from Baldwin Wallace University with a "grab-and-go breakfast" on their first day of classes. Your help in providing donations is key to our ability to offer this welcome. We are looking for items like Pop-Tarts, Nutri-Grain Bars, Nature Valley Granola Bars, bottles of water, and small bottles of juice or Gatorade. Items can be dropped off in the collection bin located outside Room 13 by **Sunday, August 14**. Thank you for your generosity!

And if you would like to be part of the team who welcomes students in person, contact **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org by **August 14**, also.



Back-to-school Blessing **Sunday, August 21, 9 am & 11 am Services**

Bring your backpack with you to worship on August 21 at either 9 or 11 AM worship, or to Messy Church for a special back-to-school blessing, including a backpack tag to remind of your God's peace throughout the year!



Messy Church **Sunday, August 21, 4 PM, Wesley Hall**

Join us August 21 for our Back-to-School Messy Church beginning at 4 PM! Invite your friends and family to join us as we get excited and encouraged for the year ahead!

If you're interested in joining this fun ministry,
please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105
to learn more about how you can be involved.

This month's Loose Change Offering will benefit Messy Church Support this important outreach by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



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.











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



School Supplies for Teachers

Donations can be placed in the bin under the Outreach Board near Room 13

This month, we are collecting school supplies for the teachers and staff at Grindstone Elementary, our partner school. Each year, teachers have to spend too much money out-of-pocket to supply their classrooms and students who come lacking all of the needed supplies. We can support our community by donating these items this month:

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|  Glue Sticks |  Crayons |
|  Antibacterial Wipes |  Tissues |
|  Dry Erase Markers |  Children's Headphones |
|  Pre-sharpened pencils |  Gift Cards to Target/Walmart/Dollar Tree
(donated in the financial office mail slot) |
|  Gallon-sized plastic bags |  Notes of Encouragement |



Drink Local Drink Tap Beach Clean-ups

Saturdays, August 13, and September 10, 10 AM - Noon, Edgewater Park

Registration Required at

<https://drinklocaldrinktapp.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://drinklocaldrinktapp.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>. -Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



Equal Exchange Items Available Today!

Today & the first Sunday of each month, Between the services, Outside the Parlor

Stop by the Equal Exchange sales table this Sunday (and each first Sunday of the month) to inquire about or buy some delicious chocolates, tea (did someone say iced tea?) or the ever popular Breakfast Blend (or decaf) coffee. Thank you for your continued support of farmers around the world who are paid a fair wage for their hard work in producing these items in a sustainable manner. *Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society*

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, August 7

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, August 8

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only / Teamz Restaurant

Tuesday, August 9

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Stephen Ministers

6:30 PM / Library

Wednesday, August 10

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Short Term Study

7 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Thursday, August 11

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, August 12

Morning Prayer via Zoom

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

Saturday, August 13

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

50th Anniversary Celebration for

Karl & Cass Beckman

1 PM / Gathering Place

Sunday, August 7

Tenth 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

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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.*