

Let us run with  
perseverance  
the race that  
is set before us.

HEBREWS 12:1, NRSV

# Worship Celebration

*Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

August 14, 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 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

*Rock of Ages*

arr. Robert Hobby

## Words of Welcome

### + Call to Worship

In the fire and the flame,

***the Spirit appears to accompany and bless us.***

In the division and the despair,

***Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.***

In the shadows and the sorrow,

***God comes near to hold us and keep us moving forward.***

In this moment, we gather together to worship, to pray, to sing, to lament.

***We gather here surrounded by the cloud of witnesses***

***on a blessed journey of life, death, and resurrection.***

### + Hymn

*For All the Saints* (verses 1, 4-6)

UMH 711

### + Opening Prayer

***Christ of mystery and paradox, enter into the paradoxes of our lives.***

***Divide us when false unity separates us from you.***

***Unify us when false division separates us from each other.***

***Connect with us so securely that we may connect with one another***

***in the power of your Holy Spirit, as we worship together this day. Amen.***

## Grow in God's Word

### Blessing of Quinn Elsie Zeiter

*Quinn Elsie Zeiter was born on August 4, 2022, to Rebecca and Eric Zeiter*

Hail the day on which a child, Quinn Elsie Zeiter, was born.

Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise her that gave birth to a daughter 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 5.1-7 (CEB)

5 Let me sing for my loved one

a love song for his vineyard.

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it,

cleared away its stones,

planted it with excellent vines,

built a tower inside it,

and dug out a wine vat in it.

He expected it to grow good grapes—  
but it grew rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> So now, you who live in Jerusalem, you people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard:

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I haven't done for it?

When I expected it to grow good grapes,  
why did it grow rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup> Now let me tell you what I'm doing to my vineyard.  
I'm removing its hedge,  
so it will be destroyed.

I'm breaking down its walls,  
so it will be trampled.

<sup>6</sup> I'll turn it into a ruin;  
it won't be pruned or hoed,  
and thorns and thistles will grow up.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it.

<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD of heavenly forces is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are the plantings in which God delighted.

God expected justice, but there was bloodshed;  
righteousness, but there was a cry of distress!

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Second Lesson - Hebrews 11.29-12.2 (CEB)

<sup>29</sup> By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if they were on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith Jericho's walls fell after the people marched around them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute wasn't killed with the disobedient because she welcomed the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. <sup>33</sup> Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> put out raging fires, escaped from the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, were mighty in war, and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured and refused to be released so they could gain a better resurrection.

<sup>36</sup> But others experienced public shame by being taunted and whipped; they were even put in chains and in prison. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were cut in two, and they died by being murdered with swords. They went around wearing the skins of sheep and goats, needy, oppressed, and mistreated. <sup>38</sup> The world didn't deserve them. They wandered around in deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. <sup>40</sup> God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us.

**12** So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, <sup>2</sup> and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Sermon

### + Hymn

*Forward through the Ages*

UMH 555

### **Commissioning of Our Baldwin Wallace University Campus Minister**

Beloved in Christ, today we recognize the ministry of Judy Hammer and commission her to a special task in the service of Jesus Christ.

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***We commission you to this new ministry***

***and commit to you our prayers, encouragement, and support.***

***May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you,***

***that in this and in all things you may do God's will with the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.***

Almighty God, embrace Judy now and in the days to come

and she reaffirms her commitment to following you and serving in your name

through this new ministry with the Baldwin Wallace campus community.

Give her courage and patience, wisdom and vision;

and strengthen each of us in our common Christian vocation

of witnessing to the world and serving others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **Prayers of the People & 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](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**

*O God of Truth And Justice*

Eugene Butler

### + 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**

***Faithful God, your love for us is like sunlight, blessing young vines in a vineyard.***

***Your passion for us is like rain, nourishing the ground of our being to bring forth life.***

***With joy for your bounty, we bring our gifts before you this day,***

***that your beloved community may grow and flourish***

***through our compassion and care. Amen.***

# We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

*Abide with Me*

UMH 700

## + Benediction

Go forth, and bear the fruit of God's justice and righteousness.

***We will go to live as God's love, peace, and hope among our neighbors.***

Go forth, and bear the fruit of Christ's mercy and peace.

***We will go to live as instruments of Christ's healing and grace.***

Go forth, and bear the fruit of the Spirit's hope and joy.

***We will go to live as messengers of the Holy Spirit, giving thanks to God. Amen.***

## Postlude

*BWV 559*

J. S. Bach

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

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## Worship Participants

### **Pastors**

Rev. Nathan Howe

Rev. Carrie Antczak

### **Liturgist**

Joanne Mansfield

### **Music**

Megan Denman, *Organist*

Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams

Marlynda Dziak

Debbie Haas

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in honor of the 50th anniversary of Karl & Cass Beckman.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Quinn Elsie Zeiter,  
born August 4, 2022, to Rebecca & Eric Zeiter

### ***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 14):***

Lord of Life, we greet this new day  
sustained by the great cloud of witnesses  
who praise your name with us.  
Give us perseverance and joy  
so that we may come to the end of the day  
confident in your presence  
and aware of your blessings. Amen.

### ***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 14):***

God of Hope, confirm for us at the close of the day  
the fulfillment of your promise of provision.  
Release our concerns for things done and undone.  
Give us your peace so that we rise refreshed  
to serve you with openness and love.  
Amen.

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## **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!



## **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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) today.



## **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](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn more about how you can be involved.













## **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:

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



### **August Loose Change Offering**

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](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



### **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



### **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.



## Happening at The UMCB this week:

### Sunday, August 14

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

#### **Creation Justice Team Meeting**

1:30 PM / Parlor /

[Contact Barb Dawson at](mailto:bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net)

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### Monday, August 15

#### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:nathan@umcb.org)

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Lunch only / Perk Cup

### Tuesday, August 16

#### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:nathan@umcb.org)

### Wednesday, August 17

#### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:nathan@umcb.org)

#### **Short Term Study**

7 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:nathan@umcb.org)

### Thursday, August 18

#### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:nathan@umcb.org)

#### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

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

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### Friday, August 19

#### **Morning Prayer via Zoom**

9 AM – 9:30 AM / [Contact Pastor Nathan](mailto:nathan@umcb.org)

### Saturday, August 20

### Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Back Pack Blessing**

During both Worship services and at Messy Church

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

#### **Messy Church**

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