

Worship Celebration

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

B **E** **JUST.**
KIND.
HUMBLE.

*Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

*The Micah 6.8 Challenge
Week 3: Being Humble*

October 16, 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 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. Higher quality masks, including N95s and KN95s, are especially encouraged as they provide additional protection both to the wearer and to those around them.

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

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship (from Micah 6.6-8)

How shall we come before the Lord, worshipping the most high God?

Should we bring armloads of offerings, topped off with yearling calves?

Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of oil?

***Would God be moved if we sacrificed our firstborn children—
our descendants to cancel our sins?***

God has told us already how to live and what to do, what the Lord requires of us—
doing justice and loving kindness and walking humbly with our God.

+ Hymn

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

+ Affirmation of Faith—"A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed"

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

***to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one in divine love for the world.***

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.

***Today is the day God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.***

+ Choral Response

What Does the Lord Require of You

Jim Strathdee

We 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 - Romans 12.3, 9-18 (CEB)

³ Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you.

⁹ Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. ¹¹ Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! ¹² Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. ¹⁴ Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. ¹⁶ Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. ¹⁷ Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

¹⁸ If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 13.3-17 (CEB)

³ Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

⁸ "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

⁹ Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰ Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

¹² After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. ¹⁴ If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. ¹⁶ I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Celebrating Our Baptismal Covenant

Introduction

Beloved in Christ, through the sacrament of baptism

God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church,

welcomes us into God's saving work, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us freely.

Today, we come to the waters to receive that gift, baptizing this person and renewing our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

***We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin.***

Will you allow the Spirit to use you as prophets to the powers that be?

***We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.***

Will you proclaim the gospel and live as Christ's body on earth?

***We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in grace,
and promise to serve Christ as Lord in union with the church
which Christ has opened to persons of all ages, nations, and races.***

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are and in all you do?

***We will be faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.***

Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church
and include this person now before you in your care?

***With God's help, we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ.
We will embrace this person in a community of faith, hope, and love,
that they may grow in their trust of God and live Love's service in the world.
We will pray for them on their journey of faith among us.***

Let us join in professing the Christian faith.

Do you believe in God? ***We believe in almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? ***We believe in Jesus Christ, God's beloved child, our Lord.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? ***We believe in the Holy Spirit.***

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us. ***Even so, come Risen Savior!***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birth in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.

Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God.

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,

or we walk so far away from the life-giving stream

that we do not hear its sound and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit! ***Come upon us, Holy Spirit!***

Come upon these waters. ***Come upon these waters.***

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Christ.

Let these waters make us long for your beloved community.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father! ***Glory to you!***

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord! ***Glory to you!***

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! ***Glory to you!***

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One! ***All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Baptism with Laying On of Hands

Receiving New Members into Our Fellowship

Mia Basit, Elizabeth Philpot

As members of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries. *I will.*

As members of The United Methodist Church of Berea,
will you faithfully participate in our ministries by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service, and your witness? *I will.*

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, these persons are commended to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Children of God by water and the Spirit,

we welcome you and affirm you as part of God's new creation.

We give thanks for all that God already has given you,

and we welcome you, in Christ's love, as members of the family of God.

As members together with you in the body of Christ

and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church

by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to fullness of life in Christ,

establish and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in grace and peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

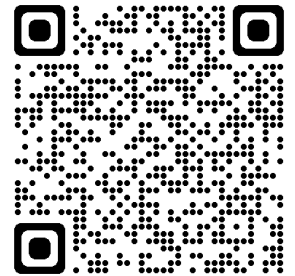
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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), 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 or scan the QR code to the right), by mailing a check to the church office, or in the offering plates that are passed through the worship space. Through whatever means you give, thank you for your generous and ongoing participation toward making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



Choir Anthem

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

+ 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

***Almighty God, Humble God, pour out your strength and your service on these gifts and on us.
Multiply and magnify the gifts that we offer for the sake of your church and your world.
Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

+ Benediction

Aware of the peace of God, our creator,

who loves each of us as we are;

aware of the grace of Christ, our redeemer,

who calls each of us "beloved";

aware of the unity of the Holy Spirit,

who guides our lives always—

let us now go out in truth; go out in wisdom; go out in love:

to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly in the presence of God. Amen.

Postlude

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe

Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Carol McCleery

Music

Megan Denman, *Organist*

Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams

Marlynda Dziak

Debbie Haas

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 16):

God of justice,
you are at work this very day
on behalf of those who are poor, marginalized,
overlooked, and disregarded.
Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit,
so I can begin this day
praying and working earnestly
for someone facing injustice. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 16):

God of mercy,
I come to you now with my energy running low.
Like the stars in the darkness,
I send out to you my prayers for justice.
I pray this night for peace among all people,
in the name of the One who comes to bring peace
unlike any we can achieve for ourselves.
Amen.

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UMW Fall Festival

Saturday, October 29, 10 AM - 4 PM, Wesley Hall

Come check out . . . over 15+ Vendors . . . Gift Basket Auction . . . Chili Café.

ALL proceeds benefit UMW-supported missions.

THANK YOU for your support!





Fellowship Hour Resumes

Sundays, 10 - 11 AM, Gathering Place

We are inviting groups, committees, and families to share this time of fellowship and goodies. This entails setting up, providing light snacks, and cleaning up. If you are unable to do the physical work of providing fellowship snacks, you may make a financial donation to cover the costs, and another volunteer can help you with the details.

To sign up for a date or get more information, please contact
Jason Antczak at 440-759-7805 or jasonantczak78@gmail.com.



Book Discussion *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 PM, Parlor

In April 2015, Desmond Tutu visited the Dalai Lama to celebrate the latter's eightieth birthday and to look back on their long lives with the goal to respond to this question: *How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?* Through their personal stories, interactions with one another, and sharing of spiritual practices, we are invited into a set of "Joy Practices" that can help anchor our own emotional and spiritual journeys. Join us in the Parlor on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 PM for a discussion of this book.

Copies are available through most library systems, but contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101 if you plan to attend or need help accessing a copy.



Fill the Truck

TODAY! 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM, Outside the Church

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a "Fill the Truck" event to benefit Second Mile Outreach. The truck will be parked during Trunk or Treat. Bring your non-perishable food donations and drop them off. Thank you for your support



Help Those Affected by Floods With UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

Return with Requested Items by Next Sunday, October 23

Do you want to help persons affected by the recent floods in Kentucky and Puerto Rico? Now is your chance to fill up cleaning buckets for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief)!

This Sunday, you are invited to choose a tag or two from the Giving Tree in the Narthex before and after the 9 am worship celebration and outside Wesley Hall before and after the 11 am worship celebration. Each tag on the tree has a requested item. Purchase the item(s) and bring them back to the church on or before **next Sunday, October 23**. UMCOR is very specific about what goes in the buckets as all buckets need to have the exact same items.

Questions? Please contact **Cindy McCowen** at clmccowen@aol.com or 440-234-3985
or **Wendy Jelinek** at 440-826-9027.



June 2023 Mission Journey to Cambodia

Mission Journey - June 15- June 30, 2023, Team Meeting - Sunday, October 30, 5 PM, Parlor

We are now excited to begin planning a return trip to Cambodia in June 2023, and you are invited! Our anticipated dates are June 15-June 30, providing nearly two weeks in Cambodia to tour some of the country, to connect with United Methodist missionaries and Methodist churches, and to experience the incredible ways God is working among the Cambodian people.

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

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, October 16

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FILL THE TRUCK

8:30AM - 6:30 PM / UMCB Parking Lot

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Formation

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults - First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Trunk-or-Treat & Messy Church

4-6 PM / UMCB Parking Lot & Lawn / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, October 17

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Tony K's

Tuesday, October 18

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM/ Room 13 / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Wednesday, October 19

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Storytime

10 AM/ Room 11 (Nursery)/ [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Grief Share

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

Thursday, October 20

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM / Sanctuary / [Contact Tori Penfound](#)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

Choir Rehearsal

7 PM / Sanctuary / Contact [Courtney Popp](#) or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, October 21

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM/ via Zoom / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

UMW Set-up

10 AM / First Floor

Grief Share

1:30 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at marylynn482@gmail.com](#)

Saturday, October 22

UMW EOC Annual Celebration

9 AM / First Floor

Sunday, October 23

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Formation

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

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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.*