

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.

*Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost*

*The Micah 6.8 Challenge
Week 4:
Loving Your Neighbor*

October 23, 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

*Prelude in B
Majesty*

Scott Turner
Jack Hayford

Words of Welcome

+ Call to Worship

How good and pleasant it is

when we live together in unity.

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

What must we do to live the life God intends?

***We must love the Lord our God with all our heart, being, strength, and mind,
and love our neighbors as ourselves.***

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity—

when we live together in love.

+ Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

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 - 1 Corinthians 13.1-8a (CEB)

¹ If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. ³ If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, ⁵ it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, ⁶ it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. ⁷ Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - Luke 10.25-37 (CEB)

²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

²⁷ He responded, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*"

²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and

went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, "Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs." ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

³⁷ Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ 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

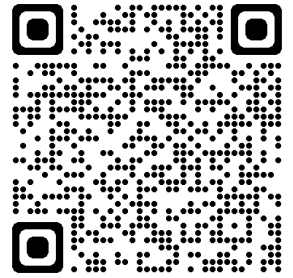
Jim Strathdee

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

Love Through Me

Amy Carmichael
Rachel Steffernmeier

+ 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 and Everlasting God, your love never ends.
You teach us that all your commandments are kept by loving you and our neighbor.
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart
and united with each other with true love.
Receive these gifts and our lives, and use us for your service. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Who is the Neighbor

***Who is the neighbor I must love and care for?
What stranger lies here, wounded and alone?
Can it be true I am my brother's keeper?
Must I reach out to others yet unknown?
This is the time, the moment I am given
to freely share the love I have been shown.

Can it be true that we are made of stardust
like tree and stone, like creatures great and small?
Can it be true the eagle is my sister,
the whale and leopard, brothers of us all?
This is the time, the moment we are given
to claim our kin, responding to their call.

This is our home, a planet now in peril.
What must we do to care for Mother Earth?
Her children cry for the fresh, clean air and water,
a world that nurtures old and young from birth.
This is the time, the moment we are given
to boldly witness ev'ry being's worth.***

***Creator God, you made us for communion;
my life with ev'ry other is entwined.
A weaver skilled, you spin a web of splendor,
each precious thread enhancing your design.
The time is now to serve your great endeavor
that all you love, abundant life may find.***

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+ 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

Voluntary in D

Scott Turner

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Barb Peterson

Music

Scott Turner, *Organist*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*
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 Joe & Laura Rushton's wedding anniversary.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 23):

God of light, thank you for another day.
With each new hour,
may I be watchful for signs of your grace,
ready to show your love,
and eager to tell the good news of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 23):

Thank you, God, for the challenges and blessings
of this whole day.
If I kept faith with you,
thank you for your Spirit's help.
If I moved away from you,
turn me back around.
Into your hands, I entrust my life. 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.



The Festival of All Saints

Sunday, November 6

Join us for this annual opportunity for us to gather and give thanks for the community of faith as we re-affirm that the church consists not only in all those followers of Jesus who are living and with us physically but also all those who have gone before us and who are yet to come.



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.



Dialogues On: Sexuality

Begins October 30, 10 AM, Parlor

Following up on our event last month, The ABC's of LGBTQ, we invite adults and senior high youth to join us for "Dialogues on: Sexuality", a series produced by Sparkhouse Publishing. In this short series, we will discuss patriarchy, shame, gender identity, church inclusivity, and sexual wholeness.

There are no participant books for this series, so registration is not needed. Videos can be previewed using your Amplify Media account.

If you have questions, need help accessing videos, or would like more information, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!



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.



Loose Change Offering Supports the Grindstone Partnership/Sunshine Fund

Join us in supporting 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".



Support Our Local Food Pantries

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

Our collections of food continue. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the narthex (the hallway outside the Sanctuary) and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.)

During the school year, single serving items such as fruit cups and cheese or peanut butter crackers are especially appreciated. This is also a great time to start donating items for holiday dinners such as green beans, mushroom soup, and canned pumpkin.

If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, 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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line.

Thank you for supporting this effort.



Dinner Church

Wednesday, November 2, 6 PM, Wesley Hall

Welcome to dinner! Join us for our rescheduled Dinner Church training - including dinner of course! Sign-up to bring a dish, learn more about this new ministry, and dream with us about what God might have in store for our community.

See the sign up sheets on the Outreach Board (by Room 13)
for food items and volunteers needed,

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

2022 Charge Conference

Saturday, November 5, 2 PM, Wesley Hall

On Saturday, November 5, congregations from throughout our North Coast District will gather at 2 pm in our building for our annual charge conferences. Charge conference is our yearly meeting when we gather to celebrate God's activity in our lives together throughout the past year and conduct official business in preparation for the year to come with the guidance of our District Superintendent, the Rev. Bruce Hitchcock. All members of the Church Council are expected to participate in this meeting with voice and vote.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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

Youth Group Pumpkin Carving

5 PM / Wesley Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, October 24

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Olive Garden

Tuesday, October 25

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 26

Morning Prayer

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

Storytime

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

Book Discussion - *The Book of Joy*

6:30 PM / Parlor / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Grief Share

6:30 PM / via Zoom / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at](#)

marylynn482@gmail.com

Thursday, October 27

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 28

Morning Prayer

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

UMW Set-up

10 AM / Wesley Hall

Grief Share

1:30 PM / Room 13 / [Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at](#)

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Saturday, October 29

UMW Fall Festival

10 AM - 4 PM / Wesley Hall

Sunday, October 30

Twenty-first 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

Mission Journey to Cambodia Team Meeting

5 PM / Parlor / [Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Youth Group Pumpkin Carving

5 PM / Wesley Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

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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.