

# 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.**

*Twenty-first Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*The Micah 6.8 Challenge  
Week 5: Where Religion  
and Politics Meet*

October 30, 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 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.***

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# We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

*Schönster Herr Jesu (Fairest Lord Jesus)*

Hermann Schroeder

## Words of Welcome

### + Opening Prayer

*Almighty God, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory and relationship:  
to serve you in freedom and in peace.*

*By your grace, may we use the freedom you have given us  
to close the "gaps" between us,  
to reach out in kindness to our neighbors,  
and to walk humbly and attentively with you.*

*Day by day, make us whom you created us to be. Amen.*

### + Hymn

*This Is My Song*

UMH 437

## 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 - Isaiah 65.17-25 (CEB)

<sup>17</sup> Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth:  
past events won't be remembered; they won't come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> Be glad and rejoice forever in what I'm creating,  
because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy  
and her people as a source of gladness.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people.  
No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again.

<sup>20</sup> No more will babies live only a few days,  
or the old fail to live out their days.

The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person,  
and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed.

<sup>21</sup> They will build houses and live in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They won't build for others to live in,  
nor plant for others to eat.

Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;  
my chosen will make full use of their handiwork.

<sup>23</sup> They won't labor in vain,  
nor bear children to a world of horrors,  
because they will be people blessed by the LORD,  
they along with their descendants.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call, I will answer;  
while they are still speaking, I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> Wolf and lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
but the snake—its food will be dust.

They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

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

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

## Second Lesson - Ephesians 2.13-22 (CEB)

<sup>13</sup>But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. <sup>15</sup>He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. <sup>16</sup>He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

<sup>17</sup>When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. <sup>19</sup>So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. <sup>20</sup>As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

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](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) 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

*What Does the Lord Require?*

arr. Todd Wilson

### + 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

*You have done great things for us, O God, and we are grateful.  
As we return into your hands a portion of the bounty you have entrusted to us,  
use these gifts and use us for the building of beloved community. Amen.*

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

### + Hymn

*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

*Christ has broken down the wall  
Christ has broken down the wall  
Let us join our hearts as one  
Christ has broken down the wall*

*We're accepted as we are  
We're accepted as we are  
Through God's love all is reconciled  
We're accepted as we are*

*Cast aside your doubts and fears  
Cast aside your doubts and fears  
Peace and love freely offered here  
Cast aside your doubts and fears*

*We will tear down the walls  
We will tear down every wall  
God has called us one and all  
Christ has broken down the wall  
Christ has broken down the wall*

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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

*Passacaglia in D minor*

Dieterich Buxtehude

***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**

Cindy McCowen

#### **Music**

Evan Collins, *Organist*

Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*

#### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams

Marlynda Dziak

Debbie Haas

#### ***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 30):***

With the morning light, my hope is renewed,  
and all my trust is in you, O God.

Lead me where you would have me go,  
and show me what you would have me do  
to display your dream for this world.

Amen.

#### ***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 30):***

The night is a gift from you, O God,  
a shelter and time of repose.

Forgive any unfaithfulness in me,  
and grant me peace,  
that I may rest entirely in you. Amen.

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### **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.



## **All Saints Sunday**

***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.



## **Sunday Afternoon Walk**

***Sunday, November 13, 4 PM, Rocky River Nature Center (24000 Valley PKWY, N. Olmsted)***

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 13 at 4 PM as we explore some of the trails around the Rocky River Nature Center. If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, November 10** to **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).



## **Naming Our Commitments for 2023**

***Sunday, November 20***

In our worship together, we explored the simple yet profound teaching of the prophet Micah, who wondered what God required of us and discerned this enduring response *...to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God* (Micah 6.8). These three practices—justice, kindness, and humility—provide a foundation for our lives as God's beloved children and a description for our world becoming beloved community. As we anticipate the coming year, you are encouraged to name your commitments to these three essential practices and to participating in our life together as a community of faith, justice, kindness, and humility.

2023 Commitment Cards are being distributed through the mail and are available on tables at the back of each worship space. Please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2023, complete a card indicating how you will practice justice, kindness, and humility in the coming year, and bring your completed card with you to worship on Sunday, November 20. You can also complete and submit your Commitment Card online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate).

Thank you for helping to build God's beloved community through your ongoing commitments and participation in our mission of making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



## **Dialogues On: Sexuality**

***Begins TODAY, 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. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105!



## **Read & Grow Book Discussion Group**

***Monday, November 14, 6:30-8 PM, Parlor***

We will discuss **The Last Train to London** by Meg Waite Clayton. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at [meiklebetsyj@gmail.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@gmail.com) or 440-243-5767.



## **Surviving the Holidays**

***November 13, 2:30 PM, Parlor***

Are the Holidays looming ahead and you are not looking forward to them? Please come join us and we will give you some helpful hints and ideas, to help you through!

For more information or a reservation, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or 440-409-5931.



## **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](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



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



## **Equal Exchange Items**

***Sunday, November 6, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor***

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. Learn more at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop).



## **Church Building Clean-up Day**

***Saturday, November 12, 10 AM to Noon***

We are blessed to have been entrusted with a large and accessible building which provides a place for our congregation to gather and to grow while connecting with our neighbors. Occasionally, part of our building can benefit from a little refreshing. Please join us from 10 AM to Noon on Saturday, November 12. Our Trustees will have a list of a variety of projects, like dusting and wiping down pews, that any of us can help with to refresh our space and better prepare it for the upcoming holiday season.



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

***Wednesday, November 23, 2022, Fellowship Hall***

Donate blood and help save a life. To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: **Berea** or call **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**.



## **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](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Please note "food pantry" on the description line.

Thank you for supporting this effort.

### **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](#)

### **Monday, October 31**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at O'Charley's

### **Tuesday, November 1**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

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

#### **Stephen Ministers**

6:30 PM / Room 13

### **Wednesday, November 2**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Storytime**

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

#### **Dinner Church**

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

#### **Grief Share**

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

#### **Church Office - Beth Barner**

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.** 9 AM – 3 PM

**Tues., Fri.** From Home 9AM - 3 PM

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### **Thursday, November 3**

#### **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, November 4**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Grief Share**

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

### **Saturday, November 5**

#### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

#### **District Charge Conference**

2 PM / Wesley Hall

### **Sunday, November 6**

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*All Saints Sunday*

#### **Traditional Worship**

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#### **Formation**

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

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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.*