



# Worship Celebration

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 19, 2023 + 9 AM

## We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
(sung by the Choral Scholars)

Mark A. Miller

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

+ Prayer of Invitation

## 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** - Joshua 5.9-12 (CEB)

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

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

**Gospel Lesson** - Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32 (CEB)

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

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

**Sermon**

*Right Relationships with the World*

Deacon Nick Bates, J.D.

+ Affirmation of Faith

+ Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH 292

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Choir Anthem**

*Amazing Grace*

John Newton, arr. Jack Schrader

+ **Doxology** (to the tune of *Amazing Grace*, UMH 378)

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment**

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

+ Hymn

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

TFWS 2197

+ **Benediction**

+ **Benediction Response**

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
(Congregation, please join the Choral Scholars in singing)

Mark A. Miller

**Postlude**

*La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin*

Claude Debussy

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

## Worship Participants

**Pastors**  
Rev. Nathan Howe  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

**Guest Preacher**  
Deacon Nick Bates, J.D.

**Liturgist**  
Karen Caldwell

**Music**  
Maeve Woehrman, *Pianist*  
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*,  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

**Audio Video Elements**  
Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Anthony DiNicola on his birthday by Bobbie DiNicola.

### ***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.**



#### **Our Guest Preacher today is Deacon Nick Bates, J.D.**

Nick Bates has served as the director of the Hunger Network in Ohio since 2016. He comes to this work with nearly two decades of experience and expertise on state policy related to public budgets, homeless and housing issues, voting rights, and much more. Between our morning worship services, at 10 AM, Nick will be with us in the Fellowship Hall for deeper conversation about the ministry of faithful advocacy. Invite others, and join us!



#### **Biking Cross Country with Ron Isgro**

***Saturday, March 25, Noon, Fellowship Hall, Cost = \$10 per person***

Luncheon & Program sponsored by United Methodist Women (now United Women in Faith)



#### **Youth Ice Cream Seder**

***Sunday, March 26, 5 PM, Wesley Hall, RSVP by TOMORROW - Monday, March 20***

Calling all ice-cream eaters! Join the youth on this special celebration of the year of grace God has provided for us. We'll honor our faith ancestors with a special Seder celebration - ice cream style! With each yummy topping, we'll reflect on this past year and how God has journeyed with us. Please RSVP by **TOMORROW - Monday, March 20** to Pastor Carrie at 440-234-3525 x105 or [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org).



#### **Finding Jesus in the Psalms**

***Sundays, 10 am, Parlor, led by Rev. Linda McCowen (PLEASE NOTE - This Sunday, we will not have class so all can attend the conversation with Deacon Nick Bates, J.D. in the Fellowship Hall)***

***or Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Room 13, led by Pastor Nathan  
or Mondays, 7 pm, Room 13, led by Pastor Nathan***

All youth (9<sup>th</sup> grade and up) and adults are welcome to seek Jesus in the psalms this season. Through her Lenten study, *Finding Jesus in the Psalms*, Barb Roose will guide us through a meaningful encounter with the psalms, including reflections on the life of King David and the original context of the writings, along with connections between the psalms and the life and death of Jesus. Books are \$14 and available in Room 12. (*Youth and College students need not pay for books.*)



#### **Today is UMCOR Special Giving Sunday.**

Because of United Methodists' compassionate support, God's grace is made tangible to those suffering from natural disasters and war. When you give to the UMCOR Sunday special offering, you are UMCOR's restoration of goodness and mercy in the world. Your gift ensures UMCOR can provide psychological and social support, medical care, disaster case management and physical provisions like food, water and shelter to survivors, whether in the aftermath of a natural disaster or in the middle of a war zone. UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local and governmental organizations, churches and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, even when rebuilding takes years. Please be part of restoring mercy and goodness to those who are suffering by giving generously on UMCOR Sunday.



**Remember or Honor a Loved One by Supporting Our Global Partners in Mission this Easter**  
**Forms due to the Church Office by TOMORROW - Monday, March 20**

This Easter, we are inviting you to give missionally and fill our worship space with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly will represent a donation made in memory or honor of a person of your naming. The funds donated will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission. (There will be some lovely flowers decorating our worship space as well.)

Request butterflies by **TOMORROW - Monday March 20** online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) or by using the forms available at the back of each worship space. Your donation can be made by a check mailed to the church or online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) with the memo "butterfly".

After Easter, we invite you to come take your butterfly from our display or request it be mailed to you. You can then plant your butterfly to enjoy lovely spring flowers. (Directions will be included for planting.)



**CPR/AED Training**

**Tuesday, March 21 or Saturday, April 1, 9 AM - 2 PM, Cost = \$25 per person**

Wear comfortable clothes, bring something to drink and a light lunch, you must be able to kneel, bring something to kneel on if you would like. If you have any questions, please contact **Julie Swartz** at [swartz.j34@gmail.com](mailto:swartz.j34@gmail.com).



**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.)

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.

**Holy Week Worship Schedule**

Online Services at [www.facebook.com/umcberea/live](https://www.facebook.com/umcberea/live). Bulletins and more information at [www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org).

**Palm Sunday + April 2 + 9 AM, Sanctuary and online + 11 AM, Wesley Hall**

**Maundy Thursday + April 6 + Noon, Sanctuary + 7 PM, Sanctuary and online**

Both services will include Holy Communion. The 7 PM service this day concludes with the ancient practice of stripping the altar table as a dramatic demonstration of Jesus' abandonment during the events of this night and Good Friday.

**Good Friday + April 7 + Noon, Meeting at Coe Lake with 1 PM Worship Service at Kiwanis Pavilion + 7 PM Sanctuary and online**

The noon worship service on this day will be a "cross walk" in collaboration with the Berea Area Churches, and conclude with a brief worship service back at the Kiwanis Pavilion beginning at 1 PM. The 7 PM worship service will include scripture and songs to help us contemplate the passion of Christ.

**Holy Saturday + April 8 + 7 PM, Sanctuary and online**

Before the triumph and celebration of Easter Sunday, this is a day to hold silence, to be still and to know God's presence, and to remember that we are always waiting for the fullness of resurrection.

**Morning Prayer**

Good morning, Lord.  
As the day dawns with the gift of sunlight,  
I awaken into the light and grace of Christ.  
Thank you for this new day.  
Stay with me now, I pray.  
In praise and anticipation, I begin again. Amen.

**Evening Prayer**

With the night, Present God, comes rest,  
and a chance to be restored in you.  
You are with me now and always,  
and I will not be afraid.  
For all that I have experienced today, thank you.  
For all that I have not noticed, thank you.  
Raise my awareness to signs of your love. Amen

## Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at [www.umcb.org/upcoming-events](http://www.umcb.org/upcoming-events).

### **Sunday, March 19**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

#### **Conversation with Deacon Nick Bates, J.D.**

10 AM / Fellowship Hall

#### **Formation**

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults First Floor

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

#### **Messy Church Easter**

4 PM / Wesley Hall, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary

### **Monday, March 20**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Survivors Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor / Bob Evans

#### **Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms**

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

#### **Women's Bible Study**

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at [kathryn.flinn@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.flinn@gmail.com)

### **Tuesday, March 21**

#### **CPR/AED Training**

9 AM - 2 PM / TBD

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms**

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

### **Wednesday, March 22**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Storytime**

10 AM / Room 11 (Nursery)

#### **The Wednesday Group**

11 AM / The Gathering Place

#### **GriefShare**

6 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

#### **Women's Bible Study**

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com)

### **Thursday, March 23**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Bell Choir Rehearsal**

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact Tori Penfound at

[tpenfound@umcb.org](mailto:tpenfound@umcb.org)

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

6:30 PM / Zoom / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

#### **Choir Rehearsal**

7 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney Popp](mailto:Courtney Popp)

or [Margaret Proctor](mailto:Margaret Proctor)

### **Friday, March 24**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **GriefShare**

1:30 PM / Room 13 / Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

[marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com)

#### **UMW Set-Up**

4 PM / Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, March 25**

**UMW Program - Biking Cross Country with Ron Isgro**

NOON / Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 26**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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