



Worship Celebration

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townsend

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

+ Prayer of Invitation

Handbell Anthem

Fantasy on Kingsfold

H. Dean Wagner

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 - Ezekiel 37.1-14 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson - John 11.17-44 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Affirmation of Faith

+ Hymn

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Choir Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Josh Kraybill

+ 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 the Dance (vv. 1-4)

UMH 261

+ Benediction

Musette

Johann Sebastian Bach

Postlude

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Music

Josh Kraybill
Pianist, Guest Choir Director

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

Liturgist

Joanne Mansfield

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.**



Holy Week Worship Schedule

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.

Good Friday, April 7

NOON, Meeting at the Coe Lake Kiwanis Pavilion
This will be a "cross walk" in collaboration with the Berea Area Churches, and conclude with a brief worship service back at the Kiwanis Pavilion at 1 PM.

7 PM Sanctuary and online

This service will include scripture and songs to help us contemplate the passion of Christ.

Holy Saturday, April 8

7 PM Sanctuary and online

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8 - Sunday, April 9

8 PM to 7 AM, Sanctuary

Between our Holy Saturday worship service and our first worship service on Easter morning, you are invited to keep silence, to be still and know God's presence, and to keep watch for the coming fullness of resurrection. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/YCjf6Pv8Egex7MicA> for a time to wait and pray in the stillness of our Sanctuary as we await resurrection.

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 9

7 AM, the North Lawn

Bring a lawn chair and join us outside as we welcome the risen Christ along with the rising sun.

9 AM, Sanctuary and online

11 AM, Wesley Hall

Online Services at www.facebook.com/umcberea/live.

Bulletins and more information at www.umcb.org.



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, April 2, 4 PM, Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us as we explore the trails. We will meet in the main parking lot at the entrance to the nature center.



Wanted: Mugs

In our ongoing ministry of being careful stewards of God's creation, we would like to reduce our Sunday paper waste by switching from paper cups to dishwasher-safe mugs for our weekly Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Place. If you have one (or more) extra mugs at home that you would like to donate to this cause, please bring them to the Gathering Place on an upcoming Sunday morning and place them in the designated container. Thank you.



Read & Grow Book Discussion

Monday, April 10, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom

We will discuss *The Book of Joy* by Dali Llama & Desmond Tutu. For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or **440-243-5767**.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We will be starting to learn about Jeremiah in April. Come join us! Everyone is welcome. We enjoy our Zoom program in the warmth of our homes. We will learn about the unique relationship between Jeremiah and the Lord, and how we can deepen our relationship with the Lord. For more information and Zoom details, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.



Exploring the UMC Social Principles

Sunday mornings, 10AM, Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join a hope filled group who strive to build God's beloved community through active learning. We are exploring the UMC Social Principles to understand what the Bible says, what the UMC says, what the facts are, and how we can take action. We celebrate our faith in action. Please join the conversation Sunday mornings in April as we discuss topics in the categories of Environmental Justice and Civil & Human Rights



Upcoming Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 PM, Parlor

Join us for a conversation about the book, **Braiding Sweetgrass**, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Copies of *Braiding Sweetgrass* are available through most library systems, but please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101 if you need help accessing a copy.



Save the Dates for Reflecting Rainbow Vacation Bible School

June 26-30, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Registration Opens Easter Sunday, April 9

Children Register Here: <https://forms.gle/9bU9hFowGRrUUVVgx8>

Volunteers Register Here: <https://forms.gle/q1hSQHfBdoKfKff68>



Equal Exchange

Sunday, April 2, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Don't forget, the Easter Bunny loves supporting farmers around the world who are paid a fair wage for their hard work and producing their items in a sustainable manner. Help the Easter Bunny and buy your basket stuffers - chocolates, coffee, and teas - from our Equal Exchange sale!



Dinner Church

Wednesday, April 5, 6 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us for our community meal, enjoy casual worship, and hear about Pastor Carrie's trip to Israel! Bring a dish to share and a friend to introduce! A sign-up sheet for food and help with set-up and clean-up is available on the Outreach board (by Room 13).



Help Build Hope Fundraiser

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 11 AM - 8 PM, Five Guys, 17695 Bagley Road, Middleburg Hts.

Present one of the fliers on the table at the back of each worship space or mention you are there to support The United Methodist Church of Berea. When using the app or ordering online, please put the word "fundraiser" after your name. Five Guys will donate 25% of your purchase to the our Help Build Hope Mission.

Morning Prayer

O God, I know that you are the Lord,
for you have given me life
and caused me to rise this day.
Put your Spirit within me,
and let my words and actions
help others to know
that you are my Lord and my God. Amen.

Evening Prayer

My soul waits for you, O Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.
Help me to sleep this night in peace,
trusting that you will awaken me;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at www.umcb.org/upcoming-events.

Sunday, March 26

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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 Ice Cream Seder

5 PM / Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 27

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Max & Erma's

Missions Meeting

7 PM / Room 13

Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms

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

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 28

Morning Prayer

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

Study: Finding Jesus in the Palms

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

Wednesday, March 29

Morning Prayer

9 AM - 9:30 AM / via Zoom / [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

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, March 30

Morning Prayer

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal

6 PM / Sanctuary / Contact Tori Penfound at

tpenfound@umcb.org

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal

7 PM / Parlor / Contact [Courtney Popp](#)

or [Margaret Proctor](#)

Friday, March 31

Morning Prayer

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

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Saturday, April 1

CPR/AED Training

9 AM - 2 PM / TBD

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Room 33

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

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10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

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Modern Worship

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