



Then he
breathed on
them and
said,

Worship Celebration

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Von fremden Ländern und Menschen (From Foreign Lands and People)* Robert Schumann
from *Kinderszenen, Op. 71*

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn *Christ is Alive* UMH 318

+ Opening Prayer

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 Peter 1.3-9 (*CEB*)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **People: *Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Lesson— John 20.19-31 (*CEB*)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **People: *Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

Hymn *Hail the Days of Resurrection* Cushman-Wood, Moore

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem *The Peace of God* David Haas

+ **Doxology** *Alleluia, Alleluia* (v. 5 and refrain) UMH 162

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment**

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ **Hymn** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

+ **Benediction**

Postlude *Träumerei (Dreaming)* Robert Schumann
from *Kinderszenen, Op. 71*

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Condit Dibble

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 dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cheryl Cheff by the Reams Family.

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 the Connections Teams

One of our congregation's goals for 2023 is to "build a 'connections' team to reach out to and help members engage with the total life of the congregation, providing new and renewed connections for all members to build relationships and increase involvement in ministries and mission." One of the ways we're working on that goal is to build a team who will call and connect with persons who are unable to be present physically due to scheduling, mobility, etc., as well as build connections among our online worshipping community.

We're beginning to meet that goal by starting to call persons who are homebound and persons who are in facilities. Several persons have already volunteered to make phone calls. If this is something that interests you or you would like to learn more, please contact the **Church Office** at info@umcb.org or **440-234-3525x100** or **Rev. Linda McCowen** at **440-234-7211** or lsmccowen@gmail.com.

We're also beginning to foster connections among our online worshipping community through our on-line host. Rev. Linda McCowen is monitoring the on-line worship service. She is welcoming everyone to worship and giving prayer concerns to the ushers who take them to Pastor Nathan so they can be included with our morning prayers. If you'd like to be a back-up host, please contact **Rev. Linda McCowen** at **440-234-7211** or lsmccowen@gmail.com.



Volunteers Needed for Farewell and Welcome Receptions

On Sunday, June 11, we will join together in one worship service at 10 AM as we thank Pastor Nathan and Megan Howe for their time with us and wish them well in their new ministry journey. After the service, there will be a Farewell Reception for all to join in fellowship.

On Sunday, July 2, we will welcome Pastor Steve, Sarah, Eli, and Eva Knisely as they begin their ministry with us. A reception will be held between the services for us to share fellowship and great them.

Volunteers are needed for both receptions. If you would be interested in helping, please contact **Barb Peterson** at peterson.barbara8@gmail.com or **440-785-1282**.



Youth Group Choose Your Own Adventure

Sunday, April 23, Time & Location TBD (EYG is open to 4th-12th graders.)

This month, youth will get to choose our adventure! Stay tuned to the Remind App for your opportunity to vote on our outing! Times may vary depending on what adventure wins - but our adventure will be on April 23. Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.



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.



Picnic Time

UMW is collecting condiments (catsup, mayo, mustard, olives, pickles) to distribute at Second Mile Outreach. Please place your donations in the picnic basket in the Narthex. Everyone loves a picnic! Thanks for your kindness and generosity.



Messy Church Goes Wild

TODAY - Sunday, April 16, 4 - 6 PM, Wesley Hall

Let's go wild with showing our earth some love! Join us for this Earth Day themed Messy Church and discover the wildness of creation and wildness of God's love. There will be activities for all ages, even adults! Everyone is welcome - come ready to get your hands dirty from planting seeds! If you have a stained shirt, or jeans, or even a lampshade, that needs new life, please bring them in. If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at 440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org.



Save the Dates for Reflecting Rainbow Vacation Bible School

June 26-30, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Registration Opens TODAY!

Children Register Here: <https://forms.gle/9bU9hFowGRrUVVgx8>

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



Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation

Saturday, April 22, 9:30 AM -2:30 PM, The United Methodist Church of Berea

Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation is an event designed to inform you, your church, and your community how to respond to our current climate realities. Experts and local organizers will share their perspectives offering insight on how we can live into a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world for all. The whole Earth is God's good creation and we have been granted stewardship of it. We, as people of faith, have responsibility for how God's creation is used – and need to accept our role in how it has been abused. It's time to rise and meet our stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. Registration is required so register today at www.eocumc.com/eventregistration.



Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, April 23

On Native American Ministries Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support United Methodist Native American ministries. Native American Ministries Sunday equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to worship and serve Jesus freely, as Native American people. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of transformational ministries that offer healing and hope to those who have been hurt, excluded or marginalized. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's creation to strengthen Christ's loving presence for all to benefit. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to offer God's grace and to partner with God's children of all cultures, languages and traditions.

Please be part of restoration, reparation and celebration through your generous support of Native American Ministries Sunday.



Documentary Screening - Microplastic Madness

April 17, 7 PM, Surrarer Auditorium, Telfer Hall, Baldwin Wallace University

Learn what microplastics are and the problems it creates in the documentary, *Microplastics Madness*. Event hosts are Baldwin Wallace University Department of Sociology, [Northeast Ohio Sierra Club](#), and Sustainable Berea.

Morning Prayer

Holy One, you have made known to us the ways of life,
and you have promised to fill us
with the gladness of your presence.
Keep us aware of your guidance and promise
as we travel through this day,
that our hearts may be glad in you. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Thank you, God, for your counsel this day.
Tonight, as I sleep, may the dreams of my heart
also serve to instruct me in your ways.
In you, my heart, my soul, and my body find their rest.
Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Messy Church Goes Wild

4-6 PM / Wesley Hall / [Contact Pastor Carrie](#)

Monday, April 17

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Falls Family Restaurant

Conceptual Design Committee

7 PM / Room 13

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /
Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 18

Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday, April 19

Morning Prayer

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

UMW Circle

9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /
contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, April 20

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, April 21

Morning Prayer

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

Saturday, April 22

Creation Care Conference:

Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation
9 AM - 3 PM / First Floor

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday

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

Ecumenical Youth Group - Choose Your Own Adventure

TBD / [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 and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.