

Worship Celebration

Third Sunday of Easter
Festival of God's Creation

April 23, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Fugue in E^b "St. Anne", BWV 552* Johann Sebastian Bach

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vv. 1-3, 7) UMH 62

+ Affirmation of Faith - *A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed*

Bell Anthem *Fantasy on Hyfrydol* Hal H. Hopson

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.*

Gospel Lesson— Luke 24.13-35 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly*
Shirley Erena Murray, Swee-Hong Lim

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem *Earth: Beloved Community* Christian McIvor

+ Doxology *Alleluia, Alleluia* (v. 1 and refrain) UMH 162

+ Litany Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

+ Benediction

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G Major from Eight Little Preludes and Fugues, BWV 557*
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Liturgist

Sandy Marek

Music

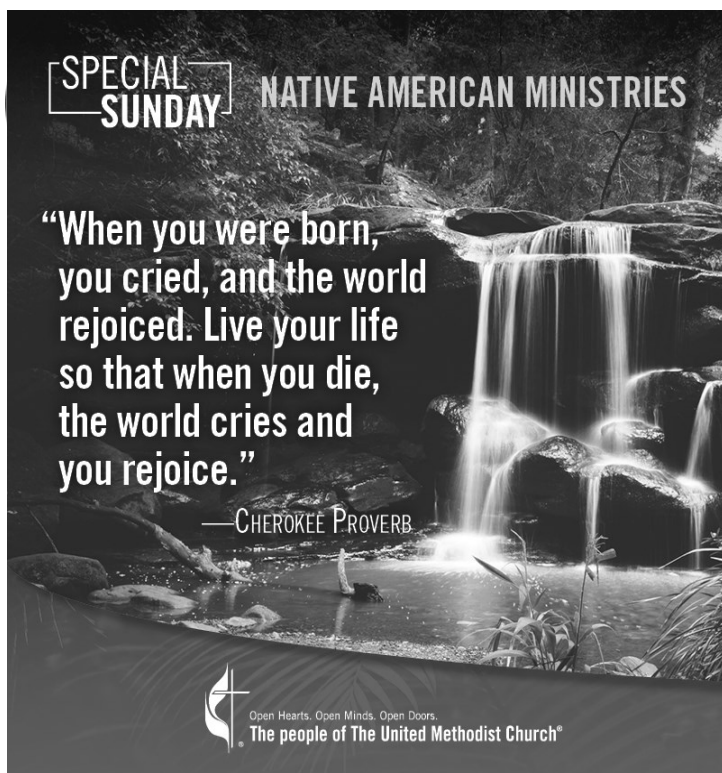
Josh Kraybill, *Organist/Pianist*
Courtney Popp, *Choir Director*
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*

Audio Video Elements

Mark Williams
Marlynda Dziak
Debby Haas

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.**



Today is Native American Ministries Day

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.



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**.



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.



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

We are learning about Jeremiah. 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 May as we discuss topics in the categories of Peace with Justice, Women & Children, Civil & Human Rights, and Health and Wholeness.



Save the Dates for Reflecting Rainbow Vacation Bible School

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

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

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



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.



Help Build Hope Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 10, 8 AM - 9 PM, Max & Erma's, 7085 Engle Rd, 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. Present the flier to your server dine and a portion of the sales will be donated to our Help Build Hope Wall Build (Sept. 22-23, 2023).

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, the dawning of this new day
holds possibility of new life in you.
Open my heart to signs of your resurrection
and confirm in my heart
the power of your amazing love,
that I may praise you in all things. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Loving God, you have upheld me with your love
even when I have been unaware of your presence.
As I rest now from my labors,
let me sleep without fear
and rise refreshed to begin a new day
in humble service, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Monday, April 24

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Goldie's Deli

Women's Bible Study

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

Tuesday, April 25

Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday, April 26

Morning Prayer

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

The Wednesday Group

11 AM / Gathering Place

Book Discussion: *Braiding Sweetgrass*

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

Women's Bible Study

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

Thursday, April 27

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 28

Morning Prayer

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

LGBTQ Caregivers Support Group

7 PM / Gathering Place

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

Fourth 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

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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.