



Worship Celebration

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Amen Chorus from Worthy Is the Lamb, Messiah

George Frideric Handel, arr. Josh Kraybill

+ Call to Worship

+ Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH 138

+ Opening Prayer

Solo

Pie Jesu from Requiem

Gabriel Faurè

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— Psalm 23 (UMH 873)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Lesson— John 10.1-10 (CEB)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

+ Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem

Amazing Love! How Can It Be?

Charles Wesley, Josh Kraybill

+ Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia (v. 1 and refrain)

UMH 162

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

UMH 581

+ Benediction

Postlude

Sortie in E^b

Lefebure-Wely

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

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Nathan Howe
Rev. Carrie Antczak

Guest Preacher

Rev. Linda McCowen

Music

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

Liturgist

Cindy McCowen

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.**



Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, May 7, 4 PM, Columbia Reservation

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation! All are welcome to join us for a walk on the trails at Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Road, Columbia Station) on Sunday, May 7. We will begin our walk from the parking lot at 4 PM.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, May 4** to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Tuesday Morning Walks

Tuesdays, 7 AM, Wallace Lake parking lot

It's always a joy to get outside and get moving. It's also a great way to care for the bodies God has given us and to experience God's presence in creation.

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 7am. We meet in the parking lot by Wallace Lake and head out on the all-purpose trail that runs beside Valley Parkway. Join us any week!

Questions? Contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Spring is here and your UMW is ready to celebrate!

Picnic...we are donating condiments to Second Mile Outreach. Please place your donations in the picnic basket in the Narthex.

Plants...J and J plant coupons for available for \$18. Plan your garden and pick out your own plants!

Popcorn...A bag of popcorn (Depot Delight, Garlic Parmesan or Lemon Pound Cake) is just \$6.

All proceeds benefit our many mission projects. To purchase coupons or popcorn, please see /contact **Carol McCleery** at **440-234-9078** or mcmanistee7250@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

Mondays, May 8 & May 22, 6:30-8 PM, Room 13 & on Zoom

May 8: *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiavri.

May 22: Planning meeting to discuss book suggestions for next year.

For more information, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or **440-243-5767**.



Exploring the UMC Social Principles

Sunday mornings, 10 AM, 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.



Dinner Church

Wednesday, May 3, 6 PM, Wesley Hall

Join us for our last Dinner Church until September! We will be sharing about Psalm 23, enjoying time with friends, and of course, sharing in mealtime. Invite a friend now to join you! This is a great way to introduce friends and neighbors to church. Sign up to bring a dish on the Outreach board (by Room 13).



Equal Exchange

Sunday, May 7, 10-11 AM, by the Parlor

Did you know that the olives used to make Equal Exchange olive oil are indigenous to Palestine and produce one of the highest quality olive oils in the world? It can be used in cooking and even for baking! Olive farming is important to the economy of this region of the world and its people. Many of the olive trees have been passed down through many generations so the farmers feel a deep connection to the land and the trees.

Thank you for helping to provide a fair wage for those who work hard to grow this beneficial food item and in a way that does not harm God's creation. Learn more at equalexchange.coop



May Loose Change Offering Supports The Work of Hanson House

HansonHouse Traumatic Brain Injury Clubhouse is the first program in Ohio based upon the true Clubhouse model of community re-entry for people with traumatic brain injury. At the present time we reach approximately 200+ people in Northern Ohio, with some kind of service, while intensively engaging a smaller group with weekly services, right here at our church. We are grateful for their ministry, and appreciate your continued support of this group.

You can support this mission by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".



Help Build Hope Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 10, 11 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 to your server when you dine and a portion of the sales will be donated to our Help Build Hope Wall Build (Sept. 22-23, 2023).



Festival of the Christian Home- Worship & Brunch (benefiting Help Build Hope)

Sunday, May 14, 9 AM & 11 AM Worship and 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

On May 14, we will celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home in worship, as well as celebrate family and home with a brunch between services. You'll also have the opportunity to support another "home" - a free will offering will be taken at the brunch to kick-off our fundraising efforts for our next Help Build Hope event, September 22-23, 2023.

Sign up at the Outreach Board (by Room 13) or contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org to sign up to bring an egg dish, pastry, or fruit.



Save the Dates for Reflecting Rainbow Vacation Bible School

June 26-30, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Registration is open (Children's spots are limited so register now!)

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

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

Morning Prayer

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day.
Help me to watch for your signs and wonders
in the world today,
and fill my heart with gladness and generosity,
that I may generate good will
wherever I go in your name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day.
As I lie down to sleep this night,
help me to imagine green pastures and still waters,
and to remember all the ways
you set a table before me
and fill my cup to overflowing. Amen.

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Monday, May 1

Morning Prayer

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

Survivors Fellowship

11 AM / Parlor / Olive Garden

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

7 PM / Room 13

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Women's Bible Study /

Contact Katie Flynn at kathryn.flinn@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 2

Tuesday Morning Walks

Tuesdays / 7 AM / Wallace Lake Parking Lot /

[Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

Morning Prayer

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

Stephen Ministers

7 PM / Room 13

Wednesday, May 3

Morning Prayer

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

The Wednesday Group

11 AM / Gathering Place

Dinner Church

6 PM / Wesley Hall

Women's Bible Study

7 PM / Offsite /

contact Linda Short at 9short28@gmail.com

Thursday, May 4

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, May 5

Morning Prayer

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

Saturday, May 6

UMW Executive Board

10 AM / Room 33

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship

9 AM / Sanctuary or Online at

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

Formation

Last Day of Sunday School

10 AM / Children - Second Floor /

Youth - Second & Third Floors / Adults First Floor

Modern Worship

11 AM / Wesley Hall

Sunday Afternoon Walk

4 pm / Columbia Reservation, 25145 Royalton Road,

Columbia Station / RSVP by the **Thursday, May 4** to

[Contact Pastor Nathan](#)

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