

Holy Saturday

April 8, 2023 + 7 PM



Holy Saturday is the third of the Great Three Days—the *Triduum*—consisting of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our worship on this day is a continuation of the service we began on Maundy Thursday and continued yesterday on Good Friday evening. Before the great triumph and celebration of Easter Sunday, this is a day to keep silence, to be still and know God’s presence, and to remember that we are always waiting for the fullness of God’s promised resurrection.

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 us in worship, this week and every week:

Sunday at 9AM in-person in the Sanctuary and online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)

Sunday at 11AM in-person in Wesley Hall

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom
(1-888-788-0099, meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

Psalter Reading—Psalm 121.1-4 (UMH 844)

- 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
2 ***My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***
3 The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.
4 ***Behold, the One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.***

The Creation (adapted from Genesis 1.1—2.4a)

James Weldon Johnson

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Silent Listening**Hymn***The Lone, Wild Bird* (adapted from Psalm 139)

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A New Heart—Ezekiel 36.24-28 (CEB)**Psalter Reading**—Psalm 143.1-10 (UMH 856-857)

- 143 Hear my prayer, O LORD;
in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;
in your righteousness answer me!
2 ***Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.***
3 For enemies have pursued me,
they have crushed my life to the ground,
they have made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
4 ***Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.***
5 I remember the days of old,
I meditate on all you have done;
I muse on what your hands have wrought.
6 ***I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.***
7 Make haste to answer me, O LORD;
my spirit fails!
***Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.***
8 In the morning let me hear of your steadfast love,
for in you I put my trust.
***Teach me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.***
9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge!
10 Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God!
***Let your good Spirit lead me
on a level path!***

Our New Life in Christ—Romans 6.3-11 (CEB)

Psalter Reading—Psalm 31.1-5 (UMH 764)

- 31 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness, deliver me!
- 2 ***Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!***
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- 4 ***take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.***
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Silent Listening

Hymn

Hold On To Me

***When the best of me is barely breathin'
When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me
When I miss the light the night has stolen
When I'm slammin' all the doors You've opened
Hold on to me hold on to me
Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go hold me again
When I don't feel like I'm worth defending
When I'm tired of all my pretending
Hold on to me
When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of expectation
Hold on to me hold on to me
Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go hold me again
I could rest here in Your arms forever
'Cause I know nobody loves me better
Hold on to me hold on to me***

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Jesus' Body is Buried—Matthew 27.57-66 (CEB)

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Psalter Reading—Psalm 22.27-31 (UMH 753)

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
²⁹ *All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord;*
all who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord,
and I shall live for God.
³⁰ **Posterity will serve the Lord;**
each generation shall tell of the Lord,
³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
Surely the Lord has done it.

Closing Prayer

*O God, Creator of heaven and earth:
Grant that, as the crucified body of Jesus was laid in the tomb
and rested on this holy sabbath,
so we may await with him the coming of the third day,
and rise with him to newness of life;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever.*

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
and comfort the afflicted; all for your love's sake.*

*As you hovered over the darkness that covered the earth in the beginning,
now may your Spirit move over us in the silence of this day,
preparing us to be raised into a new life in you and with your new creation.*
Amen.

*Our worship continues tomorrow, on Easter Sunday,
at 7 AM on the North Lawn,
at 9 AM in the Sanctuary or online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/live),
and
at 11 AM in Wesley Hall.*

Join us as we welcome the Risen One for whom we have waited.