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# Worship Celebration

Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

May 26, 2024 + 9 AM

**SPECIAL  
SUNDAY**

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY**

**“Turn away  
from evil!  
Do good!  
seek peace  
and go after it!”**

—PSALM 34:14 CEB



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

# **We Gather as God's Children**

## **Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

John B. Dykes, arr. Lloyd Larson

### **+ Call to Worship**

Sing for joy, Heavens and earth;  
Break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
Our Creator has comforted the people  
And will have compassion for the ones who are suffering.

***Come out!***

***The imprisoned shall have freedom.***

***Show yourselves!***

***Those who live in darkness***

***Will see the light of day.***

God will feed you and protect you;

God will guide you and ease your way.

***Glory be given to our Protector***

***Because God will never forget us;***

***We are inscribed in the palm of God's hands!***

Sing for joy!

***The Comforter has love and compassion for us.***

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**+ Hymn**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64

### **+ Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)**

**Music of Meditation & Reflection**

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Jack Schrader

**The Lord's 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 — Psalm 72.11-14 (NRSVUE)

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Second Lesson — Luke 4.14-20 (NRSVUE)

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

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

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** - *God's Love for the Marginalized*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

**+ Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

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**Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*You Say*

Lauren Daigle, Mike Donehey,  
Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury, Bebo Norman

**+ Doxology**

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***For all that you have given us,  
We thank you, gracious God.  
For day and night, evening and morning,  
For land and sea, for fish and birds,  
Plants and animals, for humankind,  
And for your son,  
Who came among us with the gift of life abundant.  
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst  
And work through our gifts,  
That all people may have joy and peace,  
In Jesus' name. Amen.***

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# **We Go Out to Serve in God's Name**

+ Hymn

*Oh Lord, You're Beautiful*

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+ Benediction

Postlude

*We're Marching to Zion*

Robert Lowry, arr. Joel Raney

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

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## **Morning Prayer**

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence  
In the world this day  
That I may share your love with others  
As freely as you have done for us in Christ. **Amen.**

## **Evening Prayer**

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day,  
Above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ.  
How grateful I am  
That by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family.  
Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. **Amen.**

## ***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.**

### **Worship Participants**

#### **Pastors**

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely  
Rev. Carrie Antczak

#### **Liturgist**

Carol McCleery

#### **Music**

Alissa Bodner, *Keyboardist*  
Margaret Proctor, *Choir Director*  
Courtney McClain,  
*Keyboardist/Vocalist*

#### **Audio Video Elements**

Mark Williams  
Marlynda Dziak  
Debby Haas



#### **Today is Peace with Justice Sunday!**

As Jesus walked the earth, he taught his followers that peacemakers are blessed. Peacemakers are not only blessed but are also a blessing to others. Gifts to Peace with Justice Sunday support a variety of ministries that strengthen local and global peace with justice ministries, train new people to get involved in social justice programs, grow advocates for human rights and peace and environmental justice, and connect your annual conference to ministries in your local community, and the list goes on. Because of your prayers and generosity, *you* change the lives of those who are impacted by the initiatives supported. Please consider giving generously..



#### **Summer Blended Worship Service Begins Next Week!**

***Sunday, June 2 - Sunday, September 1, 10 AM***

***Wesley Hall and online at [www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA/live_videos)***

This summer, we will be worshipping as a combined church on Sundays at 10 AM in Wesley Hall with a blended music style that represents both our traditional and modern services. We are doing this to accommodate construction taking place in the Sanctuary (see the June Caller for more details). The blended service will provide each person with something enjoyable and familiar. Please consider this in a positive light as we get to worship together in unity and share the same space with one another.



#### **Help Us with Summer Children's Church**

This summer during our 10 am combined service, we hope to offer a Children's Church experience. Kids will participate in worship music with the whole congregation, and then either go outside or to the nursery for a Bible story and free play. We will need two adults each Sunday to be able to do this - and we're excited to be able to share Bible stories throughout the whole summer - will you help us? Sign up here to make this a fun and faith-filled summer for our kiddos: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B45A5AB2BA1FE3-49726716-childrens#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B45A5AB2BA1FE3-49726716-childrens#/)  Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.**



### **An Update on the Israel/Gaza Conflict**

**Sunday, June 2, 11 AM, Fellowship Hall**

Dr. Ellen Posman will join us on June 2 at 11 AM to share an update on the Israel/Gaza conflict with a focus on religion and American protests and policies. She will present and also facilitate a discussion.



### **New GriefShare Session Beginning**

**Mondays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom**

Although we planned a little step back for the summer, there is need for starting a new group. We will follow the same 13-week format with a video and workbook discussion, meeting on Monday evenings. All are welcome. Please join us to find out that you are doing well and the things that are happening are really okay. For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



### **Join the Thursday Bible Study!**

**Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Zoom**

We have finished with our Forgiveness series. We will take two weeks off (May 30 & June 6). Then, on June 13, we will start a new book on Proverbs. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us! For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com) or **440-409-5931**.



### **Last Chance to register for Vacation Bible School! The Deadline is Saturday, June 8!**

**VBS - June 17-21, 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM, The UMC of Berea**

Let's explore the Beatitudes and stories of Jesus with our favorite pup family. We'll have games, activities, and story time all inspired by your favorite Australian family. Come join us as we learn about being Healers of God's Creation. VBS is open to preschool - 3rd grade (completed). Older kids want to join the fun? They can join us as junior helpers for a discounted price (\$10). Recommended donation is \$25/child, with \$50/family cap. No family is turned away. Children & Youth register here: <https://forms.gle/52GUwcMhEWzyRdG16>

Volunteers make VBS PAWsible! We could still use a few substitutes and extras! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Ebjig2HqnyoFfCGA>!



### **Pride in the CLE**

**Saturday, June 1, 10 AM, Meet Outside Tower City, 230 W. Huron Rd., Cleveland, 44113**

**Parade Steps Off at 11 AM**

"We are marching in the love of God". . . join us and other United Methodist congregations in marching (and singing of course) in the Cleveland Pride Parade on June 1. This is just one of many ways we can grow in our ministry with the LGBTQ+ community. Plan on arriving downtown and meeting just outside of Tower City around 10 AM. The Parade steps off at 11 AM. Feel free to stay afterwards and enjoy all of the booths and meet and greet all of our lovely neighbors.

Let **Pastor Carrie** know to look for you at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x105!**



### **2024 East Ohio Annual Conference**

**Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15, John S. Knight Center, Akron, Ohio**

Annual Conference is coming! On Thursday, June 13 through Saturday, June 15, United Methodists of the East Ohio Conference will come together to worship, spend time with one another, learn about all the amazing things happening in our conference, and make decisions concerning our future. God is doing something great in our denomination and God has called all of us to be an integral part of God's mission in the world! Please, pray for everyone involved and all those attending.

### **Financial Snapshot**

As the leadership of UMCB, we desire to be intentionally transparent with the church finances. Over the coming months, we will be providing some "snapshots" of these finances in our church communications. Together, these "snapshots" will help inform our discussions of the fuller picture.

**Our monthly salary payment (for 9 employees) is \$24,873.**

*Stay tuned as there is more to come. We are grateful for your constant generosity!*

## Happening at The UMCB this week:

### Sunday, May 26

*Trinity Sunday*  
*Peace with Justice Sunday*

#### **Traditional Worship**

9 AM / Sanctuary and Online at  
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

#### **Modern Worship**

11 AM / Wesley Hall

### Monday, May 27

*Memorial Day - Church Offices Closed*

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

#### **Survivor's Fellowship**

11 AM / Parlor, Lunch at Oriole Cafe /  
Contact Phil Gehring at [pgehrings@att.net](mailto:pgehrings@att.net)

### Tuesday, May 28

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

#### **Discipleship Collaborative**

7 PM / Room 13

### Wednesday, May 29

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

#### **Parking Lot Fellowship**

11 AM / Gathering Place

### Thursday, May 30

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

#### **Choir Rehearsal**

7 PM / Parlor / Contact Courtney Popp  
or Margaret Proctor

### Friday, May 31

#### **Morning Prayer**

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

### Saturday, June 1

#### **Sisters Embracing Oneness Trip**

Contact Rev. Linda Short at [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com)

#### **Cleveland Pride Parade**

10 AM / Meet Outside Tower City Mall,  
230 W Huron Rd, Cleveland / Contact Pastor Carrie

#### **UMW Executive Board**

10 AM / Room 33

### Sunday, June 2

#### **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Blended Worship Service**

10 AM / Wesley Hall and Online at  
<http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos>

#### **Guest Speaker, Dr. Ellen Posman**

11 AM / Fellowship Hall / Contact Pastor Carrie

#### **Ecumenical Youth Group Service Rally**

5 PM / Meet at Coe Lake / Contact Pastor Carrie

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**\*Please note:** We kindly ask that you only call or text our staff during office hours to allow them time to rest and restore. We also ask that you extend the same courtesy to our Pastors on their Sabbath day. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call 440-234-3525 x104 and one of the pastors will respond as soon as possible.