

MINISTRY
ON
THE
MARGINS

UMC BERRA
SUMMER 2024

Worship Celebration

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024 + 10 am

Prelude

Morning Music
from *Peter Gynt Suite No. 1*

Edvard Grieg

Words of Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

+ Call to Worship

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We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

We know that God has saved us in the past,
tending and helping us along the way.

We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.

We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond,
believing and knowing that God will save.

We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.

God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with us
and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

***We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity,
who is all-powerful to save. Amen.***

+ Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

+ Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection

Original Improvisation

Eric Charnofsky

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

It Is Well

Spafford, Bliss, DiMarco

+ **Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

***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.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

+ **Song**

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Borthwick, Ingram, Sibelius, Jobe, von Schlegel

With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

Our ears and hearts are open.

First Lesson — Psalm 20 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.
- ³ May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*
- ⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- ⁷ Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- ⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Mark 1.40-45 (NRSVUE)

⁴⁰A man with a skin disease came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I am willing. Be made clean!” ⁴²Immediately the skin disease left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - *Ways of Healing*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

+ Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

UMH 375

+ Benediction

Postlude

This Is My Father's World

Franklin L. Sheppard

Happening at The UMCB this week:

For the most current information, please visit our online monthly calendar at www.umcb.org/upcoming-events.

Sunday, June 16

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Food Collection Begins for Feed the Kids

See previous page for more information.

Blended Worship Service

10 am / Wesley Hall and Online at

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

Monday, June 17

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Blue-Attitudes Vacation Bible School

9:15 am / Gather in Wesley Hall

Survivor's Fellowship

11 am/ Lunch only at Red Lobster /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

GriefShare

6:30 pm / via Zoom/Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

marylynn482@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 18

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Blue-Attitudes Vacation Bible School

9:15 am / Gather in Wesley Hall

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth - Staff Holiday - Offices Closed

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Blue-Attitudes Vacation Bible School

9:15 am / Gather in Wesley Hall

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10 am / Room 34 / Contact Linda at

lsmccowen@gmail.com

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 am / Gathering Place

Thursday, June 20

Pastor Steve on vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Blue-Attitudes Vacation Bible School

9:15 am / Gather in Wesley Hall

Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 pm / via Zoom/Contact Mary Lynn Swartz at

marylynn482@gmail.com

Friday, June 21

Pastor Steve on vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Blue-Attitudes Vacation Bible School

9:15 am / Gather in Wesley Hall

Saturday, June 22

Pastor Steve on vacation

Sunday, June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Steve on vacation

Blended Worship Service

10 am / Wesley Hall and Online at

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

Community Prayer Walk & Frozen Yogurt

6:30 pm / Meet at the "Triangle" Clock Tower

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.**

Morning Prayer

New every morning are your mercies, Lord.
And new also is this day,
full of promise and possibility.
Give me eyes to see your new creation
that is already coming into being,
even as I come and go among familiar places.
I pray that you will help me to see others
not from a human point of view,
but to see them through your eyes
of love, grace, and second chances.
I will try to walk by faith and not by sight alone.
And I will look for ways that I can be a part
of Christ's ministry of reconciliation.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Gracious God, with the psalmist I say:
It is good to declare your steadfast love
in the morning and your faithfulness by night.
For all the ways you loved me through the day
that is past, I give you thanks.
For your faithful watching over me tonight,
I also give thanks.
Like a bird asleep in its nest,
secure on a sturdy branch,
I—and all the world—rest in your wide embrace.
Despite all evidence to the contrary,
headlined in the news of this day,
I trust that your kingdom is growing;
that all of us are becoming a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

A Walk in the Park

Sunday, July 7, 4 pm, Columbia Reservation

(25145 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station)

We would like to revive our tradition of monthly Sunday afternoon walks at local parks, with a walk Sunday July 7 at 4 pm at Columbia Reservation (25145 Royalton Rd, Columbia Station). This is an opportunity to exercise our God-given bodies in God's beautiful creation while getting to know each other informally.

No need to plan ahead or RSVP, just show up in the parking lot by 4 pm. Most of the walking will be on level trails and participants can adapt or shorten the walk as they see fit. Families are most welcome but no dogs, please.

Questions? Contact Katie Flinn at
kathryn.flinn@gmail.com or 607-273-3950.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

*Thank you to our guest pianist, Eric Charnofsky
for sharing his gifts with us
in this morning's worship.*

*The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in memory of David Taylor
and other beloved teachers by Laura Rushton.*

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

Blue-Attitudes Vacation Bible School Starts Monday!

This week, our children will explore the Beatitudes and stories of Jesus with our favorite Australian pup and her family. With games, activities, and story time, they will build their faith and friendships.

Please be prayerful for our children, youth helpers, and adult volunteers as they learn about being Healers of God's Creation.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH/UMW

School Is Out!

Place donations in the marked box by Room 13

And the kiddos are home. UMW, in cooperation with Second Mile Outreach, is collecting "Shelf to Table" snacks. Please consider donating: popsicles, tuna/cracker packs, chicken/cracker packs, nuts, individual fruit packs, Nutella/pretzel packs, yogurt pretzels...items that children can "pick up and snack."

Please place your items in the box by Room 13 and we'll deliver the food to Second Mile.

Thanks for your continued support and generosity. And the kiddos will thank you, too.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

Community Prayer Walk & Frozen Yogurt

Next Sunday, June 23, 6:30 pm

***Meet at the Berea "Triangle" Clock Tower
Regroup at 7:30 pm at Igloo Frozen Yogurt
(44 Front St.)***

Join us Sunday, June 23 at 6:30 pm, meeting at the Berea "Triangle" clock tower. We will break into small teams and cover our neighborhood and city with prayer. Some will go by foot or wheels, and some will go by car. We'll regroup at 7:30 pm to enjoy Frozen Yogurt at Igloo and share our experiences. We'll consider what's next in our "Fresh Expressions" ministries.

Bring walking shoes, a bike, or other mode of transportation - and an open heart!

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.

Financial Snapshot

As the leadership of UMCB, we desire to be intentionally transparent with the church finances. We are providing "snapshots" to help inform our discussions of the fuller picture.

**May 2024 Operating Income was \$26,086.
May 2024 Operating Expenses were \$ 41,941.**

We are grateful for your constant generosity.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

"Feed the Kids"

Food Collection Begins TODAY, June 16 Financial Contributions Accepted Any Time

We will again be participating in the Berea Area Ministers' "Feed the Kids" summer food program. Food collection for this important outreach starts today! We are preparing at least 100 bags so the need is great! We will need donations of: breakfast items like pop tarts or cereal, lunch items like individual serve pasta, easy mac, etc., dinner items like cup-o-noodles, canned meat, soup, etc., fruit cups/pouches, and snacks. *Keep in mind that easy to prepare or zero-preparation foods make it easier for children.*

Financial donations can be made anytime and this month's loose change offering will also support "Feed the Kids". You can support this mission by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing an offering to the church, or donating electronically at umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and designating it as "Feed the Kids". Thank you!

And don't forget to save the dates:

***Bag Packing - Sunday, July 14,
11 am, Gathering Place***

***Bag Distribution - Monday, July 15
5 pm, Christ United Church
(23114 West Rd, Olmsted Falls, 44138)***

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MISSION OPPORTUNITY - UMCOR SAGER-BROWN 2025!

Looking for a new service opportunity or to return to one you have participated in previously? Here is an opportunity to serve at the UMCOR facility in Louisiana and escape the cold of winter. Our trip to Sager-Brown is coming up from 2/23/25 to 3/7/25. Choose a one week or two week trip.

If you are interested and would like more info., please see **Molly Arthur** or **Barb Robinson** after today's service or call **Barb Robinson** at **440-221-6271**.