

MINISTRY
ON
THE
MARGINS

UMC BEREA
SUMMER 2024

Worship Celebration

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024 + 10 am

Prelude

He Touched Me

William J. Gaither

Words of Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

+ Call to Worship

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When we hunger for justice and thirst for the liberation of all life...
When we want for collective flourishing
with the entirety of your spirit...

Blessed are we, for our longings will birth the dreams of God.

When we weep with all the world's aches.
When we find ourselves filled with sorrow
because of what is cruel, what is lost, what is forgotten...

Blessed are we, for God weeps through us.

When we are punished socially or economically
for our refusal to go with the flow of normalized evil.
When our truth-telling or practices of love
leave us isolated or condemned.

Blessed are we, for we offer a glimpse of the Kingdom of God.

God draws near wherever hearts are open.

Love, come and shape our understanding!

+ Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1-4)

UMH 92

+ Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection

His Eye is on The Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Am Not Alone

Kari Jobe, Marty Sampson, Mia Fieldes, Ben Davis, Grant Pittman, Dustin Sander, Austin Davis /

Kari Job Carnes Music, Worship Together Music / CCLI Song #7007821

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When I walk through deep waters

I know that you will be with me.

When I'm standing in the fire

I will not be overcome.

Through the valley of the shadow

I will not fear.

I am not alone,

I am not alone,

you will go before me,

you will never leave me.

(REPEAT)

In the midst of deep sorrow

I see your light is breaking through.

The dark of night will not overtake me;

I am pressing into you.

Lord, you fight my every battle,

and I will not fear.

***I am not alone,
I am not alone,
you will go before me,
you will never leave me.
(REPEAT)***

***You amaze me, redeem me;
you call me as your own.
(REPEAT)***

***You're my strength,
you're my defender,
you're my refuge in the storm.
Through these trials
you've always been faithful;
you bring healing to my soul!***

***I am not alone,
I am not alone,
you will go before me,
you will never leave me.
(REPEAT)***

+ 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

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**God of Sacred Solidarity, your love is not neutral.
It corrects the imbalances of evil
and restores pathways to collective flourishing.
Your grace invites all to come and join in a holy uprising
of people who dream of a better way.
For all you make possible among us,
we bring our gifts with thanks.
Amen.**

VBS Song

Deep Cries Out

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**And I've got a river of living water.
A fountain that never will run dry
And it's open heaven You're releasing.
And we will never be denied**

**'Cause we're stirring up deep, deep wells
We're stirring up deep, deep waters
We're gonna dance in the river, dance in the river**

**'Cause we're stirring up deep, deep wells
We're stirring up deep, deep waters
We're gonna jump in the river, jump in the river**

**Deep cries out, Deep cries out to You
Deep cries out, Deep cries out to You
We cry out, We cry out to You, Jesus**

**And I've got a river of living water.
A fountain that never will run dry
It's an open heaven You're releasing.
And we will never be denied**

**'Cause we're stirring up deep, deep wells
We're stirring up deep, deep waters
We're gonna dance in the river, dance in the river**

**'Cause we're stirring up deep, deep wells
We're stirring up deep, deep waters
We're gonna jump in the river, jump in
Deep cries out, Deep cries out to You
Deep cries out, Deep cries out to You
We cry out, We cry out to You, Jesus
(Repeat)**

**We're falling into deeper waters, calling out to You
We're walking into deeper waters, going after You**

**And if He goes to the left then we'll go to the left
And if He goes to the right then we'll go to the right
We're gonna jump, jump, jump, jump, in the river
Jump, jump, jump, jump everybody**

**If He goes to the left then we'll go to the left
And if He goes to the right then we'll go to the right
We're gonna dance, dance, dance, dance, in the river
Dance, dance, dance, dance everybody**

**And if He goes to the left then we'll go to the left
And if He goes to the right then we'll go to the right
We're gonna jump, jump, jump, jump, in the river
Jump, jump, jump, jump everybody**

**If He goes to the left then we'll go to the left
And if He goes to the right then we'll go to the right
We're gonna shout, shout, shout, shout, in the river
Shout, shout, shout, shout, yeah**

***Deep cries out, Deep cries out to You
Deep cries out, Deep cries out to You
We cry out, We cry out to You, Jesus
(Repeat)***

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 — Micah 6.1-8 (NRSVUE)

6 Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
- 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Matthew 5.1-12 (NRSVUE)

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

- ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - *Reflections on the Blue-Attitudes & A Spirit of Unlearning*

Rev. Carrie Antczak

+ Hymn

What Does the Lord Require of You

UMH 441

+ Benediction

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To do justice...

To practice kindness...

To journey in life attuned to God....

This is what Love desires of us.

May it be so among us

as the Spirit leads us from here with peace.

Postlude

GOD SAYS I AM...



Beautiful
Ecclesiastes 3:11



Accepted
Romans 15:7



Bold
I John 5:14



Redeemed
Galatians 3:13



Protected
2 Thess 3:3



Courageous
Deuteronomy 31:6



Kind
Luke 6:27



Strong
Isaiah 40:13



Loyal
John 15:13

Prayer for the Week



For the Golden Corn
And the apples on the trees



For the golden butter
And the honey from the bees



For the fruits and nuts and berries
That grow beside the way



We praise our loving giving God
And thank God every day!

Happening at The UMCB this week:

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/live>

Community Prayer Walk & Frozen Yogurt

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

Monday, June 24

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Survivor's Fellowship

11 am / Lunch only at Bagley Grill /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Finance Meeting

7 pm / Room 13

Tuesday, June 25

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Nominations Committee

4:30 pm / Room 13

Wednesday, June 26

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 am / Gathering Place

Thursday, June 27

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Friday, June 28

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Saturday, June 29

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Sunday, June 30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Carrie on Vacation

Blended Worship Service

10 am / Wesley Hall and Online at

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

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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.**

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

*Thank you to our guest pianist,
Anita Evans for sharing her gifts
with us in this morning's worship.*

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

Celebrating Pastor Steve's Anniversary

Sunday, July 7, 11 am, Gathering Place

On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, we would like to invite everyone to a celebration of Pastor Steve's one year anniversary of serving The United Methodist Church of Berea. On Sunday, July 7 after the 10 am worship service, enjoy a root beer float and congratulate Pastor Steve.

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.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

Christ-Like Chronicles Tween Camp

***Thursday, August 1- Friday, August 2
Christ United Church (23114 West Rd)***

Join us for a Narnia adventure as we explore what it means to live like Christ. We'll explore our own stories, as we learn about God's story. It's also an overnight camp out! Geared for 4th-8th grade, but older students are welcome!

Registration is now open!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTAZNuc0fKpRAYJWp9B2lfSzHgZ3yBvipmZ1tlx4lpqu9KdQ/viewform>

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,

COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

Youth Mission Day

July 15, 9 am - 9 pm

Youth 4th grade and up are welcome to join us for a day of local mission and local fun! We are partnering with Berea Community Outreach and others, to make a day full of making a difference in our community. We'll also distribute meal bags for Feed the Kids. We'll cap off the day with a trip to Swings 'N Things!

If you'll be attending or helping, please let **Pastor Carrie** know at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

“Feed the Kids”

Food Donations & Financial Contributions Accepted Any Time

We will again be participating in the Berea Area Ministers’ “Feed the Kids” summer food program. 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 any time 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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Community Prayer Walk & Frozen Yogurt

***Today - 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
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or **440-234-3525 x105**.

Community Needs Survey

Our Discipleship Collaborative team is beginning a community needs survey for Berea and surrounding suburbs. You can help us learn how to better serve our community by completing **AND** sharing this survey.



We appreciate your help!

Use the QR code, or go to:
<https://forms.gle/ohS6Nhgii72cxRMK7>.

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.

Sunday, June 16. 2024 **GIVING** was \$ 3800.76.

We are grateful for your constant generosity