

MINISTRY
ON
THE
MARGINS

UMC BEREA SUMMER 2024

Worship Celebration

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024 + 10 am

Prelude

Prelude for a Pensive Pupil

Peggy Glanville-Hicks

Words of Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

+ Call to Worship

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Beloved, when hope is high, abundance surrounds us,
and we bask in the goodness of God's provision,
God calls to us...

Open your heart and your hands.

When disaster strikes, need overwhelms the senses,
and we carry the weight and worry
of a perilous present and unknown future,
God calls to us...

Open your heart and your hands.

When we are moved with compassion,
our hearts urging us to reach out
to support our siblings in Christ, God calls to us...

Open your heart and your hands.

Children of God, as we gather for worship today, listen!
God call us to open our hearts and our hands
to one another in need and in abundance.

**May our worship open our hearts and our hands
to one another
as we learn to share with one another in all seasons,
for we are all one in the Body of Christ. Amen.**

+ Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

+ 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 - *He Looked Beyond My fault and Saw My Need*

Dottie Rambo

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
***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.***

UMH 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

+ Song

How Great Is Our God

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***The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.***

***How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!***

***And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The God-head three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.***

***How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!***

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

(REPEAT)

***How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!***

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 — Luke 6.20-26 (NRSVUE)

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Mark 14.1-11 (*NRSVUE*)

14 It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in

remembrance of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - *Care for the Poor*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

+ Hymn

Take My Life, And Let It Be

UMH 399

+ Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland
arr. Roger Brinson

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

Good morning, God.
Before this day takes hold of me
and I am spread too thin by care,
I come to you to sit quietly,
for you are good to those who wait for you,
to the soul that seeks your peace.
Fill me with your life-giving presence;
may all that I do this day
be done with calm attention,
for you are my strength and peace. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Thank you for helping me to become
a more generous and attentive person this day.
As I let go of all the things done
and left undone this day,
make me mindful that it is your strength
and steadfast loving presence
that keeps my faith whole
and fills me with a quiet confidence. Amen.

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CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

*Thank you to guest pianist, Eric Charnofsky,
and soloist, Patty Worthem,
for sharing their gifts
with us in this morning's worship.*

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.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

A Walk in the Park

**Next 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, Olmsted Falls, 44138

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 at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTAZNuc0fKpRAYJWp9B2lfSzHgZ3yBVipmZ1tlx4lpqu9KdQ/viewform>!

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

Join the Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

We are currently studying the Proverbs and enjoying it. We are learning to live wisely! Have you ever thought about 'avoiding the fool' or even perhaps thinking about when we use good or bad words and how that effects others?

Come join us on Thursday nights on zoom and give us your thoughts about these suggestions.

Everyone is welcomed !!!

For more information or to be added to our list and receive the Zoom information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,

COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

Enjoy Equal Exchange this summer!

First Sunday of each month,

After the 10 am service, Outside the Parlor

How does some refreshing peppermint iced tea sound? You can easily make some with Equal Exchange tea. That, along with all our other favorite teas, coffees, cocoa and chocolates, will be for sale this summer on the first Sunday of each month after the combined 10 am worship service. Thanks for your continued support of a fair wage and healthier work and living environment for farmers and for all God's children!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

"Feed the Kids"

***Food Collection & 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 by mailing an offering to the church, or donating electronically at umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and designating it as "Feed the Kids".

And don't forget to save the dates: **Bag Packing - Sunday, July 14, 11 am, Gathering Place** and **Bag Distribution - Monday, July 15, 5 pm, Christ United Church (23114 West Rd, Olmsted Falls, 44138)**

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Community Needs Survey

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.

The **Trustees** manage our **Capital Improvement Account**. The money in this account may be used for: major up-dates, remodels, or building expenses. We currently have **\$ 306,025** in our **Capital Improvement Account**.

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 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>

Monday, July 1

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Survivor's Fellowship

11 am/ Lunch only at The Brew Kettle /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Staff Parish Relations Committee

7 pm / Wesley Parlor

Tuesday, July 2

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Stephen Ministers

6:30 pm / Room 13

Wednesday, July 3

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Gather. Create. Give. Outreach Ministry

10 AM / Room 34 / Contact Linda at

lsmccowen@gmail.com

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 am / Gathering Place

Staff Meeting

1:30 PM / Room 13

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day - Offices Closed

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, July 5

Beth, Office Manager, on Vacation

Morning Prayer

9 am / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Saturday, July 6

Beth, Office Manager, on Vacation

UMW Executive Board

10 am / Room 33

Sunday, July 7

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Beth, Office Manager, on Vacation

Blended Worship Service

10 am / Wesley Hall and Online at

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