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Worship Celebration

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024 + 10 am

Prelude

I Am Thine, O Lord

William Doane
arr. Joel Raney

Words of Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

+ Call to Worship

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Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

***We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity
who is immutable in love. Amen***

+ Hymn

Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day

UMH 411

+ Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection

We Gather Together, Jesus Loves Me arr. Joel Raney

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Reckless Love* Culver, Asbury, Jackson

+ **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** *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*
Newton, Tomlin, Giglio

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 138 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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 - *Spaces and Places*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

+ Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

+ Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven
arr. Joel Raney

Happening at The UMCB this week:

Sunday, June 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sisters Embracing Oneness Civil Rights Tour

Blended Worship Service

10 AM / Wesley Hall and Online at

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

Sherla Sanderson Celebration of Life

12:30 PM / Gather at Coe Lake

1:00 PM / Service in the Coe Lake Gazebo

Monday, June 10

Sisters Embracing Oneness Civil Rights Tour

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Survivor's Fellowship

11 AM / Lunch only at Applebee's /

Contact Phil Gehring at pgehrings@att.net

GriefShare

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

marylynn482@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 11

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Sustainable Berea

6:30 PM / Room 13

Church Council

7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 12

East Ohio Annual Conference - Pastors attending

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Parking Lot Fellowship

11 AM / Gathering Place

Thursday, June 13

East Ohio Annual Conference - Pastors attending

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 14

East Ohio Annual Conference - Pastors attending

Morning Prayer

9 AM / via Zoom / Contact Pastor Steve

Saturday, June 15

East Ohio Annual Conference - Pastors attending

July Caller Submissions Due

Please submit articles to info@umcb.org
or the church office mailbox.

Vacation Bible School Set-Up

9 am / First Floor / Contact Pastor Carrie

Sunday, June 16

Third 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>

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We kindly ask that you only call or text our staff during office hours to allow them time to rest & 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.

2024 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15

The United Methodists of the EOC 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR) Kits for Midwest Mission

Donation Deadline - Tomorrow, June 10

***Place Donations in the Collection Bin
near the Entrance to Wesley Hall***

Our East Ohio Conference collects items for Midwest Mission every year during Annual Conference. This year's focus is on Personal Dignity Kits. Please consider donating any of the following items: hand towel (no kitchen towels), washcloth (no dishcloths), toothbrush (individual; no multipacks), bar of soap (3-4 oz.), shampoo (12-19 oz.), deodorant (2-3 oz. - stick, roll-on or pump), lotion (8-10 oz.).

Thank you for participating in this life-changing mission. Items are distributed locally and globally whenever disaster strikes.

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**.

Interesting in learning more about UMCOR?

Take a look at the website
<https://umcmmission.org/umcor>.

"Feed the Kids"

Food Collection Begins Next Sunday, June 16

Financial Contributions accepted anytime

Bag Packing - Sunday, July 14

Bag Distribution - Monday July 15, 5 pm

We will again be participating in the Berea Area Ministers' "Feed the Kids" summer food program. We will be collecting food items beginning **Sunday, June 16**. Financial donations can be made anytime.

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 "loose change offering". Thank you!

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

Community Prayer Walk & Frozen Yogurt

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.

Sunday's GIVING (June 2, 2024) was \$4384.68.

We are grateful for your constant generosity!

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

God of the morning, awaken us to know that to be resurrected with Jesus means to die with Christ first. May we recognize you in every moment so that whatever we do, we do for your glory, through Jesus Christ, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, all through this day you have watched over me on the streets of my busy schedule, nourished me with blessings that I cannot count. And still your faithfulness does not sleep nor slumber, but continues even when the sun goes down. What a blessing to dwell in your presence! In your presence, I lay down today's burden and take rest. In your presence, may I rise to hear your voice. Amen.

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CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

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

Blanket of Care Ministry

We are currently working on a ministry that systematically and comprehensively provides care, visitation, and communion to people who are either homebound, living in retirement homes, or residing in medical facilities. We would love you to help with this ministry. Even if you could commit to visiting one person a month, that would be helpful to our church family. Our hope is to provide a warm blanket of care to the many valued and beloved people of our church who are unable to participate in the worship and ministries of the church.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact **Rev. Linda McCowen** at lsmccowen@gmail.com or **440-234-7211**.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

Join the Thursday Bible Study!

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

Our next session will begin on June 13 with a new book on Proverbs. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us!

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or **440-409-5931**.

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.