



### Our Mission

Berea Friendship United Methodist Church is called to share the good news of Jesus and to serve others in His name.

### Our Vision

At Berea Friendship United Methodist Church our vision is to strengthen and encourage our faith journey with others to build meaningful relationships and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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### 3:16 Prayer Ministry

**Please Pray For:** Angela Adcock, Shellie Moser Atchison, Kristie Carter, Rob Coogan, Michael Dow, Lainey Gilstrap, Scott Hall, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes, Bob Helms, Freda Hudson, Kenneth King, Carolyn Knight, Mike Lathem, Larry McCants, Robert Moler, Jim Rawson, Daniel Surett, Jimmy Tarrant, Bobby Taylor, Jordan Emory Turner, Steve Ward, Joe Williams, Allen Zorn

**Continue To Pray For Our Shut-Ins:** Dr. Eugene Bondurant, Sue Coggins, Shirley Dickson, Libby Gilliam, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Moore, Alex Stone, & Barbara Thackston



# BEREA FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE PRELUDE Rigaudon

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP His Name Is Wonderful

HYMN #139 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -#8

Indeed, compared to the worth of having found Jesus, all else is worthless.  
For He, Christ Jesus, is my Lord.  
For His sake, I will lose all, and count it gain.  
For I want Him to live through me,  
His sense of justice becoming my sense of justice,  
His love becoming the love I have for people around me.  
His hope for a better world becoming my hope,  
His faith in God becoming the faith that under girds my relationship  
and absolute trust in God.  
And finally, I pray, that in Christ Jesus,  
I may know the power of His resurrection,  
And there to suffer with Him,  
Becoming like Him, even unto death, Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

God of hope and love, let your love shine upon us this day.

**Let your patience and kindness flow through us, inspiring us to new depths of love and hope.**

Transform our love, that we might overcome envy and resentment, and rejoice in justice and righteousness.

**Envelop us in your love, that believing, hoping, and enduring may become our way of life on the path of love.**

In loving hope, we pray.

**Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM God Of Love, God Of Peace

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE "Love Never Fails" Davon Harrelson

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION, THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY God, That Madest Earth And Heaven

DOXOLOGY – No. 95

HYMN #3 84 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION Go Now In Peace

THE POSTLUDE This Is The Day



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One of the things I have always loved about this church are the stunning, stained glass windows. There is such an incredible artistic beauty found in each window. One of my favorite windows is the one pictured above. I love the way Jesus welcomed the children and He rebuked anyone who would try to hinder them from coming to Him. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

As I sat in the pew and held my grandson, Alexander, with my husband, daughter, son in law and precious granddaughter, Evie, I had such an overwhelming nostalgic memory of when my daughters were small children. Today, I held my grandson and sat close to my granddaughter. Thirty six years ago, I sat in that same church and held my own two daughters. I remember how welcoming the church was to us and our daughters. I have so many fond memories of my daughters being nurtured and loved well in this church. Both of my daughters were Baptized as infants there and I will always hold those memories near and dear to my heart.

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We are all laying the foundation of faith for these precious children. All Jesus asks us to do is plant a "seed". Hopefully, the seed will grow in their hearts as these children mature. I pray they come to all know and love Jesus as their Lord and Savior. One child at a time. One day at a time.

Heavenly Father, My heart is brimming with joy as I think about Worship yesterday. What a beautiful Worship of You, indeed! I'm grateful, Lord, that we were invited to Homecoming and for the special memories we had as a young, married couple. I'm thankful for all the teachers who taught my children, for the love shown to them, and for the fellowship with other Believers. Lord God, I'm thankful for this Church that holds a special place in my heart. I'm thankful for our Pastor who was truly our Shepherd. Father, I give thanks for every child who was present today. They are so very precious. May we never hinder these children but give us the ability to love them as You have loved us. Thank You, Father God, for Your love. We love You, Lord. In His Name, Amen

Always in my prayers.

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