

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** 1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**Next Week:** 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11)22-30,41-43; Ps 84; Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

**Prelude:** *"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"*

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** *"10,000 Reasons"*

**\*Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed) UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patria** UMH 71

**Youth Message** *"Happy or Holy Meal?"*

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 95

**OT Reading:** *Psalm 111*

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Special Song**

**Message:** "Living Bread"

**Scripture:** *John 6:51-58*

**\*Hymn:** *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"* W&S 3176

**\*Benediction and Closing Chorus:** "Bind Us Together"

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so, your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. (based Psalm 34:1-8)

Lord Jesus we gather in awe at your wisdom, your mercy, and your sacrifice. Amen.

**Prayer Of Confession:** **Gracious God, your grace is often met by our ingratitude. The day is too hot or too cold. The scripture is read too slow or too fast, too flat or too emotionally. The people who worship with us are too still or too noisy. Before we complain again, we confess before the body of Christ that you are the Bread of Life. Forgive us our sins. Shelter us in the shadow of the cross. Amen**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**Tomorrow:** *Monday, 9:30 am, meet at church with new District Supt.*

**All Week:** *Keep Safe and Pray*

### Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

### Prayer Concerns

*Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, all of those affected by the storms, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Family & friends of Paula Cooksey; Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau; Savannah Lantz; Nan Lindsey; Tina Rucker; Melanie Worley Sanders; Pat Singletary; Paul Sawyer; Lomax Willis; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard & Ruth Zody*

*Please use a prayer request form, in the narthex, to submit requests for adding to the Prayer Concerns in the worship bulletin*

**Devotionals:** *The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both and enjoy!

**Bethel Website:** <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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1940's



1960's



Today

### The History of Bethel UMC

The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a campmeeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshippers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.

In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.

The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.

*(history prepared for bulletin cover by Thelma Royce, church historian)*



*"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God"* Genesis 28:16

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**Established 1834**

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"  
Welcome home!**