

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Deut 26:1-11; Psalm 92:1-2,9-16; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

**Next Week:** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 4:1-13

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "It is Well with My Soul" UMH 377

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

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

**\*Gloria Patria** UMH 71

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

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

**OT Reading:** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

**Youth Message:** *A Scarecrow*

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

**Special Music**

**Message:** *Breaking Bad*

**Scripture:** *Luke 4:1-13*

**\*Hymn:** "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Hear what God's word says: *I will save those who love me. When they call to me, I will answer them; when they are in trouble, I will be with them.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your name, O God, is to be spoken with reverence and hope. We have spoken it irreverently at times and not at all when we might have called upon you with expectation of your presence and help. We know you are present but put you out of our minds when we worship wealth and power. Most of us would not acknowledge ourselves devil worshipers and yet succumb to temptations that Jesus resisted with the strength of your Word. Forgive our lack of faith in your saving power wanting to be saved only from the consequences of our sins and not from the sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *First Sunday of Lent*

**Next Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Lent*

**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 Betty Brumbley; family and friends of Ellen Brown; Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau and family; Savannah Lantz; Abby McDonald; Annabelle Pafford and family, David Plate and family; Tina Rucker; Melanie Worley Sanders; Don & Pat Singletary; Paul Sawyer; Austin Smith; Heidi Wagnon; 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!

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