

Directions for Singing

- I. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
- III. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
- IV. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
- V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- VI. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

From John Wesley's *Select Hymns*, 1761

Bethel United Methodist Church



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

Bethel United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 5:27-35; Psalm 150; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Next Week: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-9

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Hymn: *Because He Lives* UMH 364

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

OT Reading: Psalm 100 on facing page

A Service of Favorite Hymns:

Craig and Janie Zody will lead you in singing a variety of favorite hymns chosen by *you* during the service. You may like to look thru any of the pew hymnals before this time. We hope that you enjoy this opportunity to “*make a joyful noise unto the Lord*”.

*Benediction and Closing Chorus: “Bind Us Together”

**Please stand if able*

Psalm 100

1. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
2. Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
3. Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
5. For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Second Sunday of Easter; Admin Council after Worship service*

Next Sunday: *Third Sunday of Easter*

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, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, those still recovering from the tornadoes; Teachers, Students; FSU Family; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau and family; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford and family, David Plate and family; Tina Rucker; Paul Sawyer; Don & Pat Singletary; Heidi Wagnon; Austin Smith; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard and 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

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