

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

Prelude: “*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*”

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** “*Because He Lives*” UMH 364

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

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

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Youth Message: “*A Combination Lock*”

Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving

Doxology.....UMH 95

OT Reading: Psalm 118:14-29

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Message: *No Lock on Your Heart Will Keep Jesus Out*

Scripture: *John 20:29-31*

Hymn: “*Blessed Assurance*” UMH 369

***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** “*Bind Us Together*”

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Worship reverently the One who is, who was and who is to come, Sovereign of sovereigns, together with the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, Jesus, our high priest.

Prayer of Confession:

Alpha God, Omega God, you are our beginning and our end. We confess that we are reluctant to be counted among those responsible for the crucifixion of the one you sent to be our Savior. We may be doubtful too about the testimony to his resurrection. Forgive the pride that prevents our honest confession of sin and the doubt that refuses to hear and see what might strengthen our wavering faith. Despite our reservations, we pray in the name of your special Son, Jesus of Nazareth, your anointed One, our Savior. Amen

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!

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