

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-16; John 13:31-38

Next Week: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev 21:10-27,22:1-5; John 14:23-29

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

OT Reading: *read in unison* Psalm 150 on facing page

A Service of Favorite Hymns:

Craig and Janie Zody will lead you in singing a variety of favorite hymns chosen from selections submitted in the last two church services. 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 150

1. Praise ye the Lord.
Praise god in his sanctuary;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him for his mighty acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4. Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
5. Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
praise him upon the sounding cymbals.
6. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Fifth Sunday of Easter;*

Next Sunday: *Heritage Sunday at Bethel Pond, dinner after*

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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