

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 6, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

**Next Week:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

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

### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Hymn:** "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" TFWS 2031

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

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

**\*Gloria Patri**.....UMH 71

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

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

**OT Scripture Reading:** Psalm 138

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

**Message:** "Deep Water"

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

### Holy Communion

**\*Hymn:** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH 382

**\*Closing Chorus & Benediction** "Bind Us Together"

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God, the Creator and Ruler of all the earth.

**People:** We long for the day when the rulers of the nations will sing God's praises and acknowledge him as their King.

**Leader:** The Lord is counting on his followers to spread the message of peace, and work for the coming of his kingdom.

**People:** We gather this morning to hear God's call with hearts ready to respond.

**All:** Praise be to God!

**Prayer of Confession:** O God, we know there have been times when you called us to follow you and we turned deaf ears. Keep us from being so engrossed in our daily tasks, Lord, that we ignore your summons to be witnesses of your love to others. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Communion

**Saturday:** 9 AM in the fellowship hall – BWF– Bethel Women of Faith

**Next Sunday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday fellowship dinner; Worship/Program planning mtg. 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, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, The Families of Mary Gray and Michelle Culbertson, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Ryan Gorean Family, Kendall Hall, Robyn Keeler, Carol Koski, Nan Lindsey, Family & friends of Sylvia Marsh, Michael, Donna & Michael jr., William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, David Trimble, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, Lon & Lucy Wright

*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

**Heifer Fund:** "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

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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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*Come follow me and I will  
make you fishers of men.*



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