

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinth 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Next Week:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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

### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Hymn:** "Shine Jesus Shine" TFWS 2173

**\*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 Scripture Reading:** Joshua 5:9-15

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

**Message:** "Green-Eyed Monster"

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**\*Hymn:** "Rock of Ages" UMH 361

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Our God is a loving God who rejoices whenever one of us who strays is brought back into the fold.

**People: Praise be to God!**

**Leader:** Our God is a persistent God who never gives up searching for those who are lost.

**People: Praise be to God!**

**All: Let us worship our loving and persistent God and let us celebrate with him when those who are lost are found.**

**Prayer of Confession: O God, Jesus set us an example of how to live patiently and lovingly, but so often we choose to treat our neighbors differently. Forgive us, we pray, and strengthen our resolve to be loving, kind, and patient with everyone we encounter. Amen.**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, UMCOR Sunday

**Next Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Communion

**Saturday, April 9:** BWF, 9 AM in the fellowship hall

**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, Michael, Donna & Michael jr., William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, Esther Shore, 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!

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