

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

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

**Next Week:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" UMH 172

**\*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 126

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

**Message:** "The Sweet Scent of Death"

Scripture: John 12:1-8

**Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn:** "Something Beautiful" UMH 394

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: As we walk with Jesus during his last week, we see him in the home of Lazarus at Bethany. Mary is anointing his feet with perfume.

**People:** That was a sacred moment in the life of Jesus which we wish we could have shared.

Leader: The sacredness of that moment is with us now as we shut out of our minds all other concerns, real as they are, and think only of Jesus.

**People:** We unite in devotion and meditation, conscious of the precious life of Jesus which he gave for us.

**Prayer of Confession:** Our Father, we are conscious of the conflict between Judas and Mary, regarding the use of valuable perfume. We see ourselves in that conflict when we tend to argue with values that involve money. But our real concern is not so much better stewardship, as it is a resistance to sacrificial expressions of our faith. Forgive us when we have criticized honest devotion with false piety. Lead us in a more committed fellowship with your Son, our Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

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

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

**Next Sunday:** *Palm Sunday*

**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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