

Bethel United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Next Week: Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; Lk 24:1-12; Jn 20:1-18

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Shout to the Lord" TFWS 2074

***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 31:9-16

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "The Long and Dusty Road"

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

***Hymn:** "You Are My King" W&S 3102

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Six weeks of Lent are almost finished. Our smudges of Ash Wednesday — signs of discipleship on our heads and hands — are invisible. Today we mix the excitement of the parade of palms with the dread of passion.

People: We are glad to be here to consider the stories of Jesus and how they impact our living.

Leader: Our days are longer and we have "anticipatory anxiety" as we watch spring burst out. For the past weeks, we have read the biblical accounts of Jesus teaching along the east end of the Mediterranean. Now we move to Passover week and the murder of Jesus. As we have explored his life and teachings, we have accentuated the goodness that lies within us. We have become aware of the Holy Presence modifying our goals and values

People: In the spring light, we will let go of old guilt and as Easter comes, we will relish new energies in nature and in our own psyches.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: When temptations come — for they surely will — give us clarity about your hopes for our lives. When idols sneak into our thoughts and activities, remind us not to play games with your grace and power. Nurture our souls with words and silences, with relationships and fresh opportunities. We walk the human path Jesus walked; grant us insight to be faithful. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Palm Sunday

Friday: Good Friday, service at Trinity, 12:00 noon

Saturday: Workday, if needed

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday; 7:00 Sunrise Service; flowered cross; dinner after 11:00 service

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!

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

Contact: Church phone: 850 576-1454 email: bumctlh@gmail.com

Pastor phone: 591-9785;

email: wrightstone@embarqmail.com