

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**Next Week:** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" W&S 3176

**\*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 30

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

**Special Music** "Great are you Lord"

**Message:** "Love Me? Follow Me"

Scripture: John 21:1-19

**Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn:** "Where He Leads, I Will Follow" UMH 338, vs 1

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

**People:** Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Leader: Christ asks us if we love him.

**People:** We profess our love of the Lord in our worship.

Leader: Christ calls us to show our love in service.

**People:** As we care for others, may Christ's love shine through.

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, we rejoice in your resurrection, but then to sink back into our old ways of thinking and behaving. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. We want to shepherd your sheep and tend your lambs. Count us as faithful know our hearts, and know that we do love you. We thank you for giving your life for us, that we may know what true love is. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Communion

**Next Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, **Mother's Day**

**May 21:** Saturday, BWF at 9 AM in the fellowship hall

**May 22:** Heritage Sunday, at Bethel pond, covered dish dinner after service

**May 29:** 7 pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing in the church

**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, Annabelle Pafford, 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!**