

Bethel United Methodist Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day Sunday

May 29, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Next Week: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Rom 8:14-17; John 14:8-17,(25-27)

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" W&S 3104

***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: Psalm 47

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Unbound"

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53

***Hymn:** "He Is Exalted" TFWS 2070

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: It's Ascension Day, the day we celebrate Jesus' return to God, forty days after Easter. The scriptures say that the disciples were filled with joy when Jesus was taken up into heaven. After that, they spent all their time in the temple giving thanks to God.

People: They must not have had to work for a corporation! Or punch a time clock!

Leader: In fact, times are very different but the image of Jesus returning to God is essential for our faith.

People: He didn't stay dead and buried! He returned to life and to God!

Leader: In all of our texts for today, there is reference to Jesus' return to the divine home.

People: With Jesus absent, people looked forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for the stories of Jesus' ascension to heaven, and we anticipate a fresh presence of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: God of Heaven and Earth — we are glad you are our God. We find ourselves turning to you like disciples through the ages; we experience you as loving and dependable. We celebrate Jesus' ascension to heavenly places. In his absence, we expect a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Speak through us so that the kingdom of God Jesus spoke of comes to our town. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday, Memorial Sunday

Tonight: 6:30 pm, 5th Sunday Sing in the church

Tomorrow: MemorialDay

Next Sunday: Pentecost

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, Family & friends of Faye McCoy Callaway, Mark Carlson, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Kendall Hall, Jimmy- a friend, Family & Friends of Jimbo Jackson, Bud Keeler, Robyn Keeler, Carol Koski, Nan Lindsey, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Travis & Tina Oaks, Annabelle Pafford, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, Pat Singletary, 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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*He Is
Risen*

Alleluia!

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