

Bethel United Methodist Church

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Jer 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Next Week: Jer 4:11-12,22-28; Psalm 14; 1Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH 382 vs1,2,4

***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: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

Message: "The Potter's Secret"

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let all who seek the Lord gather together in this house of worship.

People: Let our hearts remember the cross and all that it calls us to be.

Leader: Let us see in the cross the price paid so that we might know God's love.

People: Let us walk then without fear, and be willing to accept our crosses.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for we are redeemed children of God.

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often we desire to be a part of Your family, but we are unwilling to accept our crosses. We would be called Christians, but we are not always willing to live as You taught us. We would be Your followers, but so often we shrink away when faced with the price we might be called to pay. Forgive us, Lord, and give us courage to live for You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 13th Sunday After Pentecost, Communion

Next Sunday: Fellowship Dinner after service

Charge Conference here with the D.S. after the dinner

Sept 16: Friday, 7:00 pm, special service here with John Riley as invited speaker

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; Georgia Bubner; Terry Bubner; Mark Carlson; Lori Cisne & family; Family & Friends of Jimmie Crowder; Gina Davis; Ellanore Goater; Kendall Hall; Jimmy- a friend; Bud Keeler; Robyn Keeler; Carol Koski; Nan Lindsey; William McCloud; Fred & Cindy Moore; Travis & Tina Oaks; Annabelle Pafford; Carol Painter; Darren Plate; 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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