

Bethel United Methodist Church

A Service of Favorite Hymns

October 30, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Hab 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thess 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Next Week: Hag 1:15b-2:9; Ps 145:1-5,17-21; 2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***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

Message: "To See or Be Seen"

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Hymn: "I'll Fly Away" TFWS 2282

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

Special: "He Touched Me" Judy and Travis

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" UMH 771

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sin is an ugly characteristic. But it does not prevent Jesus from wanting to come to us.

People: Our lives are unfit for Jesus. But we are confident he would change all that if we let him live in our hearts.

Pastor: Indeed he would! And that fellowship with Christ will inspire us to change our way of living to reflect God's salvation.

People: Praise God for his love and forgiveness! We intend to live a new life which demonstrates the love of Christ in us.

Prayer of Confession: Forgive us for the masks we wear, Father, when we try to live the Christian life. That is much easier than making a complete turnabout in our life styles. But it convinces no one that salvation has taken place. Give us the joy of transformed living by letting Christ change us from within, and by our living that change from without. Thus may we find ourselves among those whom your Son came to seek and to save. In his name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Next Sunday: All Saints Sunday, Communion, Set Clocks back 1 hour

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, all of those affected by Hurricane Ian, 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; 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; the Oaks family; 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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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!**