

Bethel United Methodist Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Isaiah 65:17-25; Ps118; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Next Week: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Everlasting God" W&S 3021

***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: Isaiah 12:2-6

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Message "Stay the Course"

Scripture: Luke 21:5-19

***Hymn:** "As the Deer" TFWS 2025

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: The threat of persecution is always a possibility for the Christian.

People: The history of Christianity reveals that aspect of the Christian faith repeatedly.

Pastor: Our Lord would have us believe that such an experience is an opportunity to witness to others, rather than worry about what will happen to us.

People: We believe we are in God's care; therefore we do not want self-concern to hinder the testimony of our faith.

Prayer of Confession: Our faith is very dear to us, Father, and we would not want to be denied our freedom of religion. But when we feel threatened by those who do not agree with our faith, or who argue with our beliefs, we back off in silence, or try to avoid them. We are not very strong with our witness, even in the simplest forms of persecution. Forgive us for our fears which hinder an effective witness in defense of our faith. Give us courage and words to share our convictions. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Covered dish dinner after service

Next Sunday: Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday

November 24: Thanksgiving Day

November 27: Chrismon 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, all of those affected by the Hurricanes, 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; Ellanore Goater; Carol Koski; Nan Lindsey; William McCloud; Travis and Tina Oaks, the Oaks family, Pat Singletary; Sandra Willis, 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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