

Bethel United Methodist Church

6th Sunday of Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Deut 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinth 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Next Week: Ex 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

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

***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: Psalm 119:1-8

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music "The Goodness of God" Travis Oaks

Message: "Reconciliation"

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

***Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly" UMH 348

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us gather together all whose joy rests in the Lord!

People: For the Lord our God knows our hearts and our minds.

Pastor: God knows all that we are and in Christ loves and accepts us.

People: Then let us walk in Christ's name, sharing God's love wherever we go.

Pastor: And let us sing out and give praise for God's merciful love!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer Of Confession: Lord, so often we have failed to see Your love and presence in our lives. So often we have lived as though Jesus did not die for us and the Cross was not real. So often we act as though You are too distant to really understand our problems in life. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to remember how much You gave that we might know Your Love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 6th Sunday of Epiphany

"Love Luncheon" after church service, meal provided

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 storms, 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; Ken Hirsekorn; Nan Lindsey; William McCloud; Travis and Tina Oaks; the Oaks family; Pat Singletary; Candy Trimble; Lawson Wooley; 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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