

Bethel United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Jeremiah (*Palm Lit*) Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Next Week: Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Prelude: "*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "All Hail King Jesus" TFWS 2069

***Responsive Call to Worship:***on opposite page*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881

***Gloria Patri**.....UMH 71

Youth Message "*Hosanna to the King*"

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Doxology**.....UMH 95

OT Reading: Isaiah 50:4-11

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Song

Message: "*Lay it All Down*"

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

***Hymn:** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH 349

***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. Amen. (Psalm 118:24-26)

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Amen.

Prayer Of Confession: Our praise is not in words only, Lord, but in actions as well, that reflect our faith in your steadfast love. Today we offer not only our palms, but our alms. Bless us in our giving and challenge us in our daily living. Accept our gifts this day. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Palm Sunday

Friday: Good Friday Service Noon at Trinity downtown or streaming

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service 7:15; flowered cross; dinner after

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; Cathy Allen; Lexie Allen; Wendy Barber, Family of Sara Carter; Paula Cooksey; Judy Goreau; Savannah Lantz; Nan Lindsey; Travis and Tina Oaks; the Oaks family; Darren Plate & parents; Todd Qualls family; Tina Rucker; Jean Shields and family; Pat Singletary; Debbie Tomkinson, Candy Trimble; Kathy Walker; Dave Watson, Eddie White; Family and Friends of Patsy White; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Wayne Wyatt; Howard & Ruth Zody; Family and friends of Karen Alford;

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!**