

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Resurrection Sunday

March 31, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This 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

**Next Week:** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**Prelude:** "*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*"

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "*He Lives*" UMH 310

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

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

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

**Youth Message** "*Alive Again!*"

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

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

**OT Reading:** Jeremiah 31:1-6

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Special Song** "*He's Alive*"

**Message:** "*Rise Up With Power!*"

**Scripture:** Mark 16:1-8

**\*Hymn:** "*What a Mighty God We Serve*" W&S 3016

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Arise! Shine! Give God glory for the life that has sprung from death this day!

**People: FOR IN THE RISEN CHRIST, GOD HAS LIFTED THE VEIL OF DEATH THAT SHROUDED US ALL!**

Leader: We have awaited God, and God has delivered the promised salvation.

**People: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD FOR THE SALVATION THAT IS OURS THIS DAY!**

**Prayer of Confession: All-compassionate God, we confess our regrettable tendency to live as though we were still under the covering and veil of death, rather than as those who share in your victory in Christ over death and all its powers. Forgive us, we pray. Make us once again witnesses to your miraculous garden gift and Easter offering. Fill us with the eternal life that sprang forth that wonderful morning in your Son in whose name we pray. Amen**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *Easter Sunday*

**Next Sunday:** *Communion*

**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!

**Bethel Website:** <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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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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Christ sacrifice  
life rejoice joy  
Jesus hope crucifixion  
He is SAVIOR  
RISEN  
REDEEMER amazing grace  
LOVE mercy

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“Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life”  
Welcome home!