

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Fourth Sunday after Easter

May 18, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-16; John 13:31-38

**Next Week:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev 21:10-27,22:1-5; John 14:23-29

**Prelude:** “*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*”

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” UMH 89

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

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

**\*Gloria Patria** UMH 71

**Youth Message:** “*Love Every Day*”

**Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving**

Doxology.....UMH 95

**OT Reading:** Psalm 148

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

**Message:** *What is the Turning Point?*

**Scripture:** John 13:31-35

**Hymn:** “*They'll Know We Are Christians*” TFWS 2223

**\*Benediction and Closing Chorus:** “*Bind Us Together*”

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Friends, Christ showed us his love by becoming a humble servant. When we prepare to gather at the Lord's Table, let us resolve to show our love by serving Christ as we minister to the hungry, the sick, and all those in need whom we can help.

**Prayer Of Confession:** Lord, we know that when you partook of the Last Supper with your disciples you gave them and us a new commandment: that we should love one another and thus show the world that we are Christians. We must confess, merciful Christ, that we failed time and time again to love as you have taught us. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit make us to be faithful and loving disciples. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *Fourth Sunday after Easter;*

**Next Sunday:** *Heritage Sunday at Bethel Pond, 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, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, those still recovering from the tornadoes; Teachers, Students; FSU Family; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau and family; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford and family, David Plate and family; Tina Rucker; Paul Sawyer; Don & Pat Singletary; Heidi Wagnon; Austin Smith; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard and Ruth Zody*

*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>

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