

Bethel United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday after Easter

Ascension Sunday

June 1, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

Next Week: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

Prelude: “Sing Alleluia to the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** “He Has Made Me Glad” TFWS 2270

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

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

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Youth Message: “You Are Jesus' Magnifying Glass”

Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving

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

OT Reading: Psalm 97

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Message: *Wait!*

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53

***Hymn:** “Change My Heart O God” TFWS 2152

Holy Communion

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, Sing praises! For God is monarch of all the earth; Sing praises with a psalm.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness:

Hear the Good News! Jesus prays for us who have believed in him through the word of the apostles. He prays that we may be with him where he is with the Father. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen !

Calendar of Events

Today: *Sixth Sunday after Easter, Ascension Sunday, Communion*

This Week: *Florida UM Annual Conference (pastor Ralph & Judy attending)*

Next Week: *Pentecost, Tina Oaks will be leading the service, no 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, **Family of David Plate** ; Tina Rucker; Paul Sawyer; Don & Pat Singletary; 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>

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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“Salty Service” Offering

Bethel participates, along with all other churches of the Florida Conference, in a program called “The Methodist Way”. It requires gathering weekly 5 numbers representing “Missional Vital Signs” that reflect different areas of each church's ministry (and reporting the numbers monthly to the conference). The areas reported are: Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality, Intentional Discipling, Salty Service and Extravagant Generosity. The numbers reported for each are: Worship Attendance, Persons Received into Membership (by Profession or Reaffirmation of Faith), Persons involved in small Discipling Groups, Persons who have been “Salty Servants” during the week and the Offering collected for Budget, Capital and Missional purposes.

Of these, the “Salty Servants” is probably the only one that may require explanation. A “Salty Servant” is anyone who has “Joined Jesus in 'Salty Service' to persons outside the congregation” for at least one hour in the previous week. Those who have, indicate that by placing one of the “Salty Service Tickets” (found in a holder on the back of the pew) in the offering plate when it is passed. That's all. The number received is the number reported to the conference.

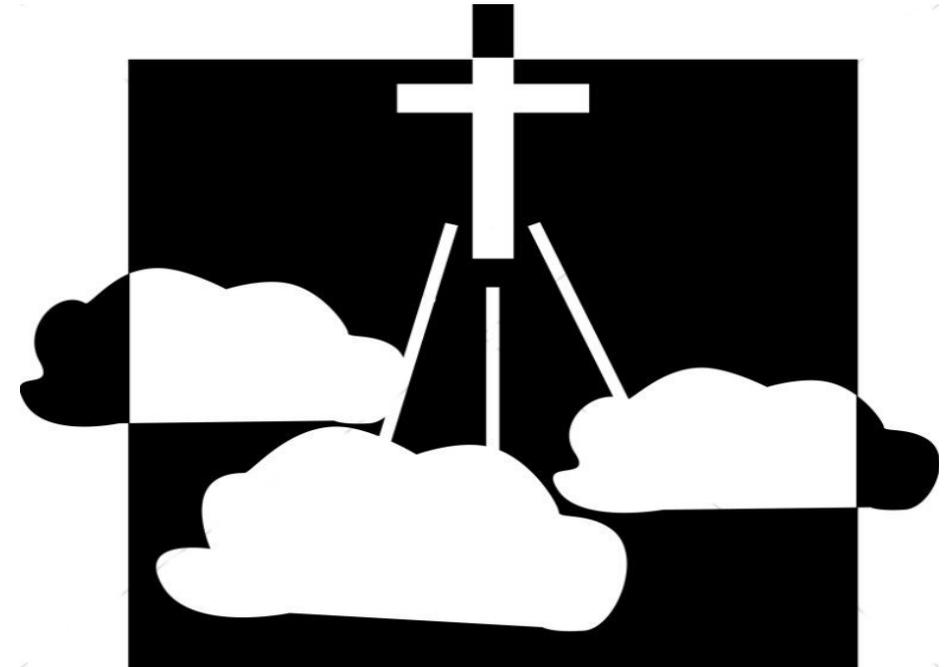
“Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?”
Matt 5:13

What is Salty Service?

1. It is service done for others.
2. The person or persons for whom the service is performed should receive a sense that something has been done for them. (This does not exclude the “anonymous” service that the person may not “see” being performed.)
3. The act of financial giving is *not* “salty service”. That is generosity. “Salty Service” is about giving “time”, not money.
4. “Salty Service” can be a part of our normal “duties”, work-life, or actions that may even result in a personal financial benefit. You should have a sense that the service performed is independent of and has more value in God's sight than any financial rewards that might be received.
5. The service is *not* done as part of a “bargain with God” or to “reward our ego” or to “win points” in the eyes of God or man.
6. *The service is performed as a love offering to God.*

“Only one life, 'twill soon be past....only what's done for Christ will last.”

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