

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## EASTER Sunday

April 12 , 2020

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

**Next Week:** Acts 2:14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**Prelude and Processional:** "Lift High the Cross"

**Welcome**

**Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Fellowship**

**\*Hymn:** "Up From the Grave He Arose" UMH 322

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

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

**\*Gloria Patria**.....UMH 71

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

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

**OT Scripture:** Psalm 118:22-29

**Youth Message** "The Empty Tomb"

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

**Special Music:** "Something About that Name" Judy Wrightstone

**Message:** "Should We Believe in the Resurrection?"

Scripture: John 20:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**\*Hymn:** "Victory in Jesus" 370 vs 1&3

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Easter says to us, we do not go to a cemetery to pay tribute to our beloved Lord, because he is among the living, not the dead!

**People: Praise God for the wonderful experience of that first Easter when Jesus arose from the dead!**

Pastor: Amen! And that experience is just as joyful for us today, because Christ's Resurrection is the proof of our resurrection!

**People: Yes, and also because Christ lives within our hearts as our risen Lord!**

**Prayer of Confession: Dear Lord, this day of Resurrection reminds us that we, too, have searched in the wrong places for our risen Lord. Forgive us for mourning in the shadow of death, when we can rejoice over his presence in our lives. Lead us into our community with a convincing witness of the reality of Christ's resurrection in us. In his name we pray. Amen.**

### Calendar of Events

**All Week:** Keep Safe and Pray

### Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

**Wednesday:** Midweek Worship service is temporarily suspended

### Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Family of Dorothy Carr, Sylvia Marsh, Carol Morgan & Family, Tina & Travis Oaks, Pam Plate, Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Benny Will

*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

**Heifer Fund:** "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

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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

# Easter Promises...

*an empty tomb, an open sky,  
a risen Savior.*

## Easter Promises...

*the gift of Christ to us,  
the joy of Christ in us  
forevermore.*

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT! 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 (NIV)