

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133; Rom 11:1-2a,29-32; Matt 15:(10-20),21-28

Next Week: Ex 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "It is Well with My Soul" UMH 377

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

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

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

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

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

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 133

**Youth Message:** "The Apprentice"

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

**Message:** Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 5

**\*Hymn:** "As the Deer" TFWS 2025

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us come together to worship, all who have known God's mercy!

**People:** We were unclean yet the Lord loved us and called us to be God's own.

**Leader:** In the wonder of God's mercy, room was made in God's Kingdom for all.

**People:** Let us rejoice for surely we have been granted the greatest blessing.

**Leader:** And let our voices shout the good news for all the world to hear!

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, so often we seem to forget we are welcome in Your family because You first loved us and not because we were sinless or worthy of Your love. So often in our pride we tend to forget You are the Good Shepherd and we Your sheep who have each gone astray in our own way. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to proclaim Your mercy to all the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Tuesday:** Primary Election day, vote today if you haven't already

**Always:** *Be 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, Teachers, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Gina Davis, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks, Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Patsy & Donnie White, Amy Smith Wadsworth, Judy Wrightstone

*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)*



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Established 1834

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

*"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God"* Genesis 28:16