

# Bethel United Methodist Church

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

Bethel's Traditional Homecoming Sunday

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 11, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Exod 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23; Phil 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

**Next Week:** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise" TFWS 2031

**\*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

**Special Music** Travis Oaks

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 32:1-14

**Message:** "Run Away Bride"

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

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

**Bible Study:** Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 13

**\*Hymn:** "Glorify Thy Name" TFWS 2016

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus speaks to us through his church, inviting us into God's kingdom

**People: We are in the church because we want to be in God's kingdom.**

Leader: We may be in church, yet fail to accept Christ's invitation into God's kingdom if our faith does not lead to action.

**People: May our response to Christ be a personal commitment in which our faith and life enable God's kingdom to be our home.**

**Prayer of Confession: Father, we feel it is necessary to be in the church.**

**But once we are in the church, we too easily become deaf to your call to Christian commitment. And in our deafness, we lose interest in Christ's invitation into your kingdom. Forgive us for the apathy we express toward the eternal blessing you share with us through Christ. Help us to be ready, willing, and excited about your promised kingdom. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** Traditional "Homecoming" Sunday, *Pastor Appreciation Day*

**Always:** *Be safe and Pray*

### Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

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

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

### Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph, Lexie Allen, Gina Davis, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks and families, Greg Rucker, 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 and online*

**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

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Established 1834

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