

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Exodus 20:1-7; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

**Next Week:** Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH 419

**\*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 19:1-14

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

**Message:** "Soul Soup"

Scripture: John 2:13-25

**Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn:** "He is Exalted" TFWS 2070

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let all who seek the Lord come together in this house to worship!

**People:** Let us keep our eyes on the cross and all that it calls us to be.

**Leader:** Let us also see in the cross the price paid to show us God's love.

**People:** Let us walk without fear and be willing to share God's love today.

**Leader:** And let us give thanks and sing praise for God's mercy and grace.

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, so often we desire to be a part of Your family but don't really want to accept our crosses. We would carry Your name but not always be willing to live as You taught us. We would be Your followers but we shrink away when we think of the price we might be called upon to pay. Forgive us, Lord, and give us courage to live for You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**TODAY:** Communion

**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 & Judy Wrightstone, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Mary Hall, Sylvia Marsh, Family & friends of Rev. Richard Jones, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks and families, Tina & Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, Debbie Tompkinson, David Trimble, Eddie White, Amy Smith Wadsworth, wife Kathy family & friends of Phillip Worley, family & friends of Tom Moore

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