

Bethel United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 09, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Next Week: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS 2173

***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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 98

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music "That's what Momma's do" Travis Oaks

Message: "Chosen and Appointed"

Scripture: John 15:9-17

***Hymn:** "More Precious than Silver" TFWS 2065

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather together all who would hear the word of the Lord!

People: Let us carry to every nation the message of God's mercy and love.

Leader: Let our lives bear witness that God's mercy and grace are real.

People: For when we were each yet lost God sent the Christ to bring us home.

Leader: Let us raise our voices in song and praise for God's healing love!

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often we feel we can earn Your love instead of accepting Your grace and mercy. So often we tend to think You love us because we deserve Your love instead of because You are Love itself. And too often, Lord, we have received Your love and failed to pass it on to all around us. Forgive us, Lord, and use our lives to share Your love with the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Next Sunday: Seventh (last) Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday

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, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Mary Hall, Robyn Keeler, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks, Tina & Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Amy Smith Wadsworth, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, family & friends of Randy Morgan

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>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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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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**"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