

Bethel United Methodist Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Prov 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Next Week: Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22; Ps 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" TFSW 2088

***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 Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Hope Rises"

Scripture: Mark 9:30-50

***Hymn:** "As the Deer" TFSW 2025

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: How do we welcome one little child in the name of Jesus?

People: With hope, with enthusiasm, with respect, with the open arms of our heart, with an attitude of love.

Leader: How do we welcome one little child in the name of Jesus?

People: By calling the child into responsibility, by finding time to listen, by conveying that we value the child, by teaching what is right, by feeding the child's whole being.

Prayer of Confession : Compassionate God, we come as a church who wants to convey to children that this church home is a place that accepts them, loves them, and welcomes them, one by one. Help us to bolster this hope by entrusting creative energy, our money, and the programs of the church for the nurture of children. Help us to welcome each child, one by one. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Next Sunday : 18th Sunday after Pentecost

All Week: Keep Safe and Pray

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

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

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, Ellanore Goater, Patty Goff & friends of Brian Goff, Robyn Keeler, Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Julie Morgan, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, David Trimble, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, Lon & Lucy Wright

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!

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