

Bethel United Methodist Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

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

Next Week: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26 or 25; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

***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

OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 124

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Briny Faith"

Scripture: Mark 9:38-50

***Hymn:** "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow" UMH 338

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

People: Lord, put the taste of Christ's love in our mouths and in our deeds.

Leader: Jesus said, "For everyone will be salted with fire."

People: Lord, as our love is tested, preserve us with your strength.

Leader: Jesus said, "If salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?"

People: Lord, if love does not flavor our actions; then what value are we to anyone?

Leader: Jesus said, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

People: Lord, let love season our every thought and desire, and use it to bring peace to our fellowship.

Prayer of Confession: God of heaven and earth, forgive us for our jealousy. "Whoever is not against us is for us. Like scribes and Pharisees, we have drawn a circle to keep others out; but Jesus drew a larger circle and brought others in. Then Jesus called us by name, sacrificed his life for our forgiveness, and sent us to proclaim the same good news to others. Now let the love of Christ guide our hearts, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Next Sunday : 19th Sunday after Pentecost, *Communion*

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, Robyn Keeler, Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, 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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