

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Heritage Sunday

Memorial Sunday

May 25, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev 21:10-27,22:1-5; John 14:23-29

Next Week: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

Prelude: “Sing Alleluia to the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** “Standing on the Promises” UMH 374

***Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed) UMH 881

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Youth Message: “A Security Blanket”

***Memorial Hymn:** “America the Beautiful” UMH 696

Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving

***Doxology**.....UMH 95

OT Reading: Psalm 67

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Praise Hymn:** “How Great Thou Art” UMH 77

Message: *Remember*

Scripture: John 14:15-21

***Hymn:** “The Church in the Wildwood” CH 121

***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** “Bind Us Together”

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus promised his disciples that when he left them, they would receive the Holy Spirit who would stay with them forever. When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Come, let us worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer Of Gathering:

Lord of all creation, we remember with thanksgiving that you sent your Holy Spirit to give power to the disciples who were waiting in Jerusalem for this promised gift. Today, we are a band of your Modern disciples, gathered here to worship you at the **BETHEL POND** where you sent your Holy Spirit upon the founders of Bethel Methodist Church, with the power of the gospel that renewed their hearts. With that power, it enables us to remember, 191 years later, that your Church at Bethel Methodist is to spread the Good News of salvation, so that people throughout the world may hear it in their own language and welcome it into their own lives. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Heritage Sunday at Bethel Pond, dinner after*

Next Week: *Ascension Sunday, first Sunday of June, 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, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, those still recovering from the tornadoes; Teachers, Students; FSU Family; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau and family; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford, **Family of David Plate**; Tina Rucker; Paul Sawyer; Don & Pat Singletary; Austin Smith; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard and Ruth Zody

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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