

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**Next Week:** Jeremiah 2:3-13; Psalm 81:1,20-16; Heb 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14,1,7-14

**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 Patria** UMH 71

**Youth Message:** “Bending the Rules?”

**Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving**

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

**Lesson from Proverbs:** Proverbs 2:1-22

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

**Message:** “Bent Out of Shape”

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

**\*Hymn:** “I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me” TFWS 2151

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come, everyone. Rejoice at all the wonderful things that Jesus has done and is doing still. Let us give thanks and offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Holy God, there are times when we would rather not call you parent because we would prefer to live the undisciplined life. We would rather go our own way and avoid the training you insist on giving us. We like to be easy-going, slack in our morals, haphazard in our prayers, spiritually out-of-condition. Forgive such denial of our responsibilities as your children, so unlike your true and perfect Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** 11<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Next Week:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; FSU Family; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Family of Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau and family; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; Paul Sawyer; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Heidi Wagnon; 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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