

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### Labor Day Weekend

August 31, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

#### Lectionary Scriptures

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

**Next Week:** Jer 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philem 1:17-27; Luke 14:25-33

**Prelude:** “Sing Alleluia to the Lord”

#### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Hymn:** “Morning Has Broken” UMH 145

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

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

**\*Gloria Patria** UMH 71

**Youth Message:** “Big or Small, God Loves You”

#### Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving

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

**Lesson from Proverbs:** Proverbs 3:1-18

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

**\*Hymn:** “On Eagle's Wings” UMH 143

**Message:** “Eagle-Like Eyes”

Scripture: Luke 14:1-14

**\*Hymn:** “He Is Lord” UMH 177

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

*\*Please stand if able*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Sing the praises of God, raise a psalm to the hallowed name... Be joyful, and exult before the Parent of the parentless, the Companion of the lonely, the One who makes a home for us all.

**Prayer of Confession:** Honest God, it is sometimes easier for us to be devious than straightforward. We may not tell an outright lie but may avoid disclosing the whole truth. When we are discovered as not completely trustworthy, our relationships become more cautious and uncomfortable. Forgive any pretense at being what we have not yet become. We want to have the reputation of being both fair and generous before we have fully achieved these virtues. Forgive such hypocrisy and help us to be more like your truthful and true Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Calendar of Events

**Today:** 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Next Week:** 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 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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