

Bethel United Methodist Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:-10

Next Week: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Prelude: “*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*”

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** “*Freely, Freely*” UMH 389

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

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

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving

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

Lesson from Proverbs: Proverbs 6:1-19

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation:** “*Break Thou the Bread of Life*” UMH 599

Message: “What is True Friendship?”

Scripture: Luke 17:5-10

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** “*Fill My Cup, Lord*” UMH 641

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Call to Worship: Let us sing of mercy and justice as we give sincere praise to God.

Prayer of Confession: **LORD**, we are appalled at the violence and devastation that is to be seen in our world. Does our pride and opinion contribute to strife and discord that escalates into confrontation and conflict? We find it simpler to question your patience with humanity than to take some responsibility for what we could do to calm the distressed, relieve the anger of the disturbed, or pacify the hostility of the aggressive. Forgive our lack of hope that the future could be better than the past and that our faithfulness could make some difference, through your ever-hopeful Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 17th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

Tuesday: Charge Conference, 6pm, Trinity UMC

Next Sunday: Homecoming, dinner after the service

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; Ryan Goreau; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; 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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