

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Speaker today is Bobby Walker

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9

**Next Week:** Gen 2:15-17,3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5;12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Hymn:** "My Hope is Built" UMH 368

**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

**OT Scripture:** Exodus 17:1-7

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

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** "Be Still My Soul" UMH 534

**Message:** "Do You Remember?" Bobby Walker

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

**\*Hymn:** "t is Well With My Soul" UMH 377

**\*Benediction and Closing Chorus:** "Bind Us Together"

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. Come, let us worship Almighty God, revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**Prayer Of Confession: God of mercy and love, we confess our sins and weaknesses before you. We acknowledge you as the creator of all things, and yet, by our priorities, we show that we idolize wealth and power. We declare our belief in Christ as our Savior, yet we put our faith in weapons of war for our protection. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever, but we rely on our own judgment and counsel. Forgive us, O Lord, and through the power of the Holy Trinity, create in us pure hearts and a right spirit. Amen.**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** Transfiguration Sunday, visiting speaker is Bobby Walker from Lamont

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday

**Next Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent

**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; the Homeless, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Don Bitner, Georgia Bubner, Lake Goreau, Ryan Goreau; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Mike Trimble, 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!

**Bethel Website:** <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

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1940's



1960's



Today

### The History of Bethel UMC

The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a campmeeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshippers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.

In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.

The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.

*(history prepared for bulletin cover by Thelma Royce, church historian)*



*"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God"* Genesis 28:16

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"  
Welcome home!**