

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Matt 21:1-11; Psalms 118:1-2,19-29; Phil 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27

**Next Week:** Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Were You There" UMH 288,(1,2,4,5)

**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:** Isaiah 50:1-11

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

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** "Hosanna, Hosanna" UMH 278,(1,3)

**Message:** "Tell Us About Palm Sunday"

Scripture: Luke 19:28-44

**\*Closing Hymn:** "I Love You, Lord" UMH 2068 2x

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

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Reverence the name of the Lord in the evening and his glory to the rising of the sun. Morning by morning God wakens us to listen as those who are willing to be taught. Listen again for the Word of God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice, you still look for those who love justice and practice honesty in business and in court. Too often you look in vain for those who will intervene in opposition to injustice and those who will tell the truth without any equivocation. Too often we are cowardly and turn our backs on those who need our advocacy in the cause of freedom with justice. Forgive any compromise of integrity and any indifference to miscarriages of justice. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your suffering servant and our Savior. Amen.**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *Palm Sunday*

**Friday:** *12:00 service at Trinity UMC, pastor Ralph will participate in this*

**Next Sunday:** *Resurrection Sunday*

*7:00 Sunrise Service at Bethel pond*

*Flowered Cross*

*11:00 Worship service, Communion, dinner after*

**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; Darren Plate; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; 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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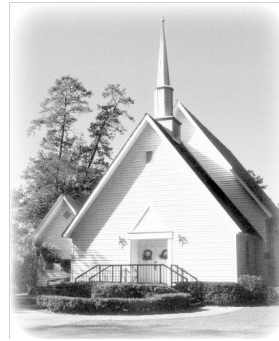
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1940's



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"**  
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