

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Next Week: Ezekiel 34:1-7; Psalm 115; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Opening Hymn:** "He Leadeth Me" UMH 128,v1,4

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: Psalm 31:1-5

Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH 641,x2

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Hide and Watch"

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be With You" UMH 672,v1,4

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).

Prayer Of Confession: Lord, You are the way, the truth, the life. And you told Thomas we should know the way you are going. We are thankful he admitted he wanted to know more. We want to know more. In our tired land we feel lost and alone. You are the way, the truth, the life. Walk with us. Bear with us. Bide with us. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Next Week: *Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day*

Charge Conference: *in Early May*

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 & Tracey Bitner, Mark Carlson, Lake Goreau, Ryan Goreau; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; Darren Plate; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Jannis Stapp; 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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