

Bethel United Methodist Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Rom 11:1-2a,29-32; Matt 15:(10-20),21-28

Next Week: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Prelude: “*The Church's One Foundation*”

Welcome, Announcements & Celebrations

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

***Hymn:** “*They'll Know We Are Christians*” TFWs 2223

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn:** “*Blessed be the Tie that Binds*” UMH 557

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 133 (NIV)

Message: “*Living in Unity*”

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer for the Offerings

***Hymn:** “*Make Us One*” TFWs 2224

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Leader: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Leader: We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Leader: Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Council meeting after the service*

Next Week: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

All Week: *Keep Safe and Pray*

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Sunday: *11:00 am worship service*

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 Ellyn Fox; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Don & Tracey Bitner, Mark Carlson, Norfleet Carter, Kay Dowden; Lake Goreau, Ryan Goreau; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; Darren Plate; Caleb Rowe; Carol Painter; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Willie, Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright

Prayer requests can be submitted to: PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org or using a prayer request form in the narthex

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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