

Bethel United Methodist Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Liturgist Rebecca Linton

Prelude: *“Abide With Me”*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** *see next page*

***Opening Hymn:** *“Christ for the World We Sing”* UMH 569

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885

*** and Hymn of Praise** UMH 71

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations (please see back)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace

***Hymn:** *“The Church's One Foundation”* UMH 545

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

The Message: *“Who Are You?”* Pastor Ellyn Fox

The Offering

and Hymn of Thanksgiving UMH 95

Prayer for the Offering

***Closing Hymn:** *“Blessed Assurance”* UMH 369

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in God,

People: who calls us to worship.

Leader: Our hope is in love,

People: that calls us to care.

Leader: Come, let us bring our full selves to worship.

People: Let us bring our full love and care.

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious and loving God, bless us with your presence as we worship this day. Bless us with your love as we grow in love and mature faith. Bless us with your guidance as we give ourselves to you, to your church, and to your work in the world. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Next Week: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

All Week: *Keep Safe and Pray*

The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both and enjoy!

Church Office Hours are from 9-1, Monday through Thursday

The **Church phone number** is (850)576-1454

Social Media Contact Information

Follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/BethelUMCTLH.org

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and join us on Sunday for our live-stream service at YouTube.com/@BethelUMCTLH.org

Send a concern or joy to our Prayer Request list (or ask to join the list) by sending an email to PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org

You can also send an email to pastor Ellyn at Pastor@BethelUMCTLH.org or pour through our history at our web site [“BethelUMCTLH.org”](https://BethelUMCTLH.org)

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

Please consider posting this list in your home where you can be reminded to pray for these concerns.

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

A Note from Ellie

In this week's sermon scripture Jesus asks his followers "*Who do people say the Son of Man is?*" The disciple, then named Simon, answers "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!*"

Simon was right.

Jesus then gives Simon a new name and a new job. ..but...Jesus doesn't give these things to Simon because he got a question right. He gave Simon the new name of Peter, *and* his role as the rock on which our church would be built *-because of Simon's character.*

Jesus saw Peter. He knew who he was.

Who are you?

The names we come to be known by are a type of short hand for what we see in ourselves and what others see in us. Who we *truly* are is what God has made us and what Christ has called us.

Christ calls us *His*.

We are "fearfully and wonderfully made". All God's works are good and wonderful. None of us are a mistake. We are loved and valued.

This week spend some time reflecting on your true identity. Child of God, you're someone very special indeed!

Bethel United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

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