

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend

September 6, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Liturgist: Rebecca Linton

Prelude: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Opening Hymn:** “Blest Be the tie that Bind” UMH 557

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885

*** and Gloria Patria** 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 18:15-20 (NIV)

The Message: “Let's Talk” Pastor Ellyn Fox

Communion

***Hymn:** “Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees” UMH 618

The Offering

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer for the Offering

***Closing Hymn:** “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” UMH 362

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

People: God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

Leader: We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

People: God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

Leader: We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

People: God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

Leader: We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

People: Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. We will be that people. Thanks be to God! Amen

Calendar of Events

Today: 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion, Labor Day Wkend

Next Week: 16th Sunday after Pentecost, dinner after the service

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](https://www.facebook.com/BethelUMCTLH.org)

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and join us on Sunday for our live-stream service at [YouTube.com/@BethelUMCTLH.org](https://www.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://www.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; Todd Qualls; 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

Whenever two or more are gatheredIt can be really hard to get along. There can be conflict. It can happen at the dinner table between the servings of turkey and pumpkin pie. It can happen if people bring too much pie...

...although personally, I don't think there's such a thing as too much pie...

...but for most people, Thanksgiving is all about the side dishes...and gratitude is too often put to the side.

Conflict can happen anywhere and at any time.

In today's sermon scripture, Jesus talks about conflict and how to resolve it justly. He understood that disagreements are a normal part of human life, and He wanted to teach us how to seek peace and restoration in our relationships. Restoration is what Jesus does.

Restoration is also what He wants us to do. If you're intimidated by the process, don't worry, He'll be with you. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" doesn't mean you don't have to attend church on Sunday but it does mean that God supports you when you seek reconciliation.

Blessings,

Ellie

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



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

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