

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Liturgist: Linda Cisne

Prelude: *“Blessed Assurance”*

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Opening Hymn:** *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* UMH 519

***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:** *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* UMH 716

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30(NIV)

The Message: *“A Win Win Situation”* Pastor Ellyn Fox

The Offering

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer for the Offering

***Closing Hymn:** *“I'm Going to Live so God Can Use Me”* TFWS 2153

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Leader: In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...

People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Leader: In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Leader: Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

People: As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Calendar of Events

Today: 17th Sunday after Pentecost, board meeting after the service

Next Week: 17th 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](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

It was dark. Paul struggled to see the words that he was writing. His hands were cramping. His body was aching.

Sometimes Paul could hear screaming.

Paul was being held prisoner in Rome. He contemplated his likely execution. *“To me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain,”* he wrote.

Paul knew that his life was bringing glory to God. Paul understood that his death would do the same. Paul finds himself in a win-win situation.

...but there was a crucial point that needed to be taught. *“Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ”*, he wrote. This was one of Paul’s last teachings.

We are called to live like Jesus. In as much as we are able we are to teach as he taught, to give as He gave and to love as He loved. To spread the good news, and to be the good news, in the world.

Always praying for you,
Pastor Ellie

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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