Bethel United Methodist Church

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Bethel United Methodist Church

Pastor Ellyn Fox — November 8, 2026

Prelude.....*"Here I Am to Worship"*

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Introductory Prayer

* **Call to Worship**.....(next page)

* **Opening Hymn**.....*"Seek Ye First"* (405 UMH)

* **Affirmation of Faith**.....*"A Modern Affirmation"* (885 UMH)

* **Gloria Patri**.....*"Glory Be to the Father"* (71 UMH)

Prayer Joys and Concerns.....(next page)

Pastoral Prayer and the **Lord's Prayer**

* **Passing of the Peace**

* **Hymn**.....*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* (454 UMH)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture.....Matthew 25: 1-13 (NIV)

The Message.....*"Be Prepared"*.....Pastor Ellyn Fox

The Offering

* **and Hymn of Thanksgiving**.....*"Doxology"* (95 UMH)

* **Hymn**.....*"This Little Light of Mine"* (585 UMH)

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

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* *please stand if you are able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.

People: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.

Leader: Today God's love will be poured into your life.

People: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Prayer Concerns

Our church and the United Methodist Church,

Wisdom for Our Elected Leaders,

Pastor Ellyn Fox, Kathie and Al Adams,

Lake and Ryan Goreau, Darren Plate, Todd Qualls,

Isaiah Bledsoe, David Damron, Carol Painter,
Jesse, Ashley, Jessie Ann, Mary Ellen,

Deborah Burgess, the family of Jordan Shaw

Don and Pat Singletary, and Lon and Lucy Wright.

Please consider putting this list in a place where you can be reminded of these concerns.

Please send Prayer Requests to
PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org.

A Message from Pastor Ellie...

It was a beautiful view.

There with Jesus, Peter, Andrew, James, and John sat on a ridge overlooking Jerusalem. A ridge located on one side of the Mount of Olives. The Apostles sat so high up that they could see the city of Jerusalem stretch out before them.

Those friends of Jesus might have thought that they could see ***everything*** from "*up there*."

...but there were many things that the Apostles couldn't see. The future being one of them.

Only God knows the future, but Jesus has tried to prepare us for it. Today's sermon scripture is one of those instances.

The warning we find in today's scripture does not call us to do Biblical "doom prepping." It encourages us to keep our spiritual lamps full. We need to keep the flames of our faith burning.

We can do this through daily prayer and scripture reading. We can do this by being mindful of the blessings in our lives and by putting our faith in action.

May the fire of the Holy Spirit always burn inside your hearts,

Blessings always,

Pastor Ellie