

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Liturgist Rebecca Linton

**Prelude:** “Be Still My Soul”

### Welcome and Announcements

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

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” UMH 64

**\*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:** “All My Hope is Firmly Grounded” UMH 132

### Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture:** Exodus 3:1-15 (NIV)

**The Message:** “Burning Bushes” Pastor Ellyn Fox

### The Offering

and Hymn of Thanksgiving UMH 95

Prayer for the Offering

**\*Closing Hymn:** “To God Be the Glory” UMH 98

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

**People: We will sing God’s praises!**

Leader: Seek the Lord!.

**People: We will find God’s presence in our lives!**

Leader: Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

**People: We remember that God has created us.**

**We remember that God blesses us.**

**We remember that God hears our prayers,  
and remains with us.**

**We know that we are loved and forgiven.**

**We will praise God!**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Next Week:** *14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion, Labor Day Wkend*

**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

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

You can also send an email to pastor Ellyn at [Pastor@BethelUMCTLH.org](mailto: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](mailto:PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org) or using a prayer request form in the narthex*

## A Note from Ellie

How many burning bushes have you walked by today?

We don't always see God for God. We don't always recognize God in the things of our everyday being. We don't always hear God when God is speaking.

Moses did. In Exodus 3:1-15, today's sermon scripture, Moses finds God in a burning bush. Many of us might have kept on walking. Many of us have a specific idea as to who God is and what it is that God is speaking. We may not be seeing or hearing God in our everyday surroundings. We may not understand that God can also speak through us.

There's a story attributed to John Wesley, our denominations founder. In this story someone approached him and asked how it was that he gathered such large crowds to hear him preach. Wesley answered "I set myself afire and others come to watch me burn."

God reaches out in non conventional methods to speak. He has used a bush, he has used Moses and he continues to use us.

Everywhere there are bushes burning. Are you listening? Is God asking you to speak for him?

Praying for you,

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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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