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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Pastor Ellyn Fox — October 25, 2026

Prelude.....*"Above All"*

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Introductory Prayer

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

* **Opening Hymn**.....*"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"* (2087 TFWS)

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

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

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations.....(see insert)

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

* **Passing of the Peace**

* **Hymn**.....*"Glorify Thy Name"* (2016 TFWS)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture.....1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 (NIV)

The Message.....*"Trials and Tribulations"*.....Pastor Ellyn Fox

The Offering

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

* **Hymn**.....*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* (2071 TFWS)

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

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* *please stand if you are able*

Call to Worship

Leader: The love of Jesus Christ calls us together today.

People: In worship, we share the good news of Christ—and we share ourselves with one another.

Leader: In this place, we receive the tender care of God.

People: With courage, boldness and faith, rooted not in human praise, but in the God who knows our hearts:

Leader: We gather with hope to give and receive love in the holy name of Christ.

All: Amen

Devotional Resources

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

Social Media Contact Information

Follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/BethelUMCTLH

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

Send a concern or joy to our Prayer Request list by sending an email to PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org

Send an email to Pastor Ellie at Pastor@BethelUMCTLH.org or call during office hours (M-R, 9-1) at (850) 576-1454.

And pour through our history at our web site "BethelUMCTLH.org"

Prayer Concerns

Our church and the United Methodist Church,

Wisdom for Our Elected Leaders,

Pastor Ellyn Fox, Kathie and Al Adams, Kay Dowden,
Lake and Ryan Goreau,

Carol Painter, Todd Qualls, Darren Plate,
Mary Ellen, and Isaiah Bledsoe,

Don and Pat Singletary, Lon and Lucy Wright, and Ruth Zody.

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

Please send Prayer Requests to PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org.

This Weeks Announcements...

Investment Committee meeting after church.

Food Ministry: Please bring shelf-stable donations for Second Harvest.

Bible Study: Please join us for Bible Study based on the *Awakened to Grace* devotional series meeting on Thursdays at 1 or 6 p.m.

...and remember that **Clocks Change** on November 1!

A Message from Pastor Ellie...

The apostle Paul had received a vision. In it a man appeared. "Come over to Macedonia and *help us*." The man pleaded.

...and so Paul, with his fellow missionaries Silas, Timothy, and Luke, went to Macedonia. They chose the city of Philippi from which to preach the Gospel.

Paul had received a vision from God. Paul worked for God. Paul was an apostle chosen by God to spread the word of Jesus Christ to the gentiles. Surely nothing could go wrong for Paul in Philippi.

Many things went wrong for Paul (and Silas) in Philippi.

Paul writes in Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to those who love God."

Paul loved God. Why did things go wrong for Paul in Philippi? Was God testing Paul?

Why do things go wrong when we work to do everything right? Is God testing *us*?

God does not try to make us fail. God wants us to succeed. God gives only good things.

Life has trials. We find challenges. We are given opportunities through our challenges to practice our faith, refine our behaviors and find true success.

God does not work *against* us. Everything God does is *for* us.

Blessings always,

Pastor Ellie