

# BETHEL

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**Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**The Reverend Brandon L. Thornton, *Pastor***

The Reverend Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*  
Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr., *Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District*

### **Ministerial Staff**

The Reverend Doctor Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder,*  
***Family, Community & Leadership Development Leader***

The Reverend Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder,*  
***Congregational Care & Discipleship Leader***

The Reverend Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon,*  
***Worship & Evangelism Leader***

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP LEADER.....Reginald Washam**

**THE DOXOLOGY.....Reginald Washam**

**“Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Logan King-Haque**

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. (Psalm 122:1)

**People: We come trusting in God’s life-giving power. (Ezekiel 37:5)**

Leader: Today is the **Fifth Sunday in Lent**, and the Spirit breathes life into dry bones. (Ezekiel 37:14)

**People: Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord. (Psalm 130:1)**

Leader: “I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

**People: We believe, even now. (John 11:26)**

**THE OPENING HYMN.....Youth Choir and Congregation**

**Opening Hymn - #450 - “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain:**

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

**THE INVOCATION.....Tacaree Washam**

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....Bethel's Youth Choir**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Lauren King-Haque**

**Psalm 130  
King James Version**

**130** Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. <sup>3</sup> If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? <sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.<sup>6</sup> My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. <sup>7</sup> Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....Bethel's Youth Choir**

**THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**THE *GIVER'S AFFIRMATION* is led by .....Kassidy Black**

**THE GIVER'S AFFIRMATION**

This is my seed. It shall meet all my needs.  
I give it today, because I obey – my God and His command.

My tithe is out of obedience and love. My offering is my sacrifice.  
My return shall be magnified, because I've learned to give right.  
I'm the head and not the tail, a lender and not a borrower, on top and not beneath.

Because I give, I am blessed – in the city and in the field.  
I'm blessed because I give my God my best.  
Today and every day, I am blessed.

**Ministry of Music.....Bethel' Youth Choir**

**Sermon.....Rev. Brandon Thornton**

**THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**THE DOXOLOGY**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**SERMON APPLICATION**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON**

**PARTICIPATE IN THE SERMON**

SERMON SCRIPTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SERMON TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE OUTLINE OF THE MAIN POINTS:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT WAS GOD SAYING SPECIFICALLY TO ME DURING THE SERMON?**