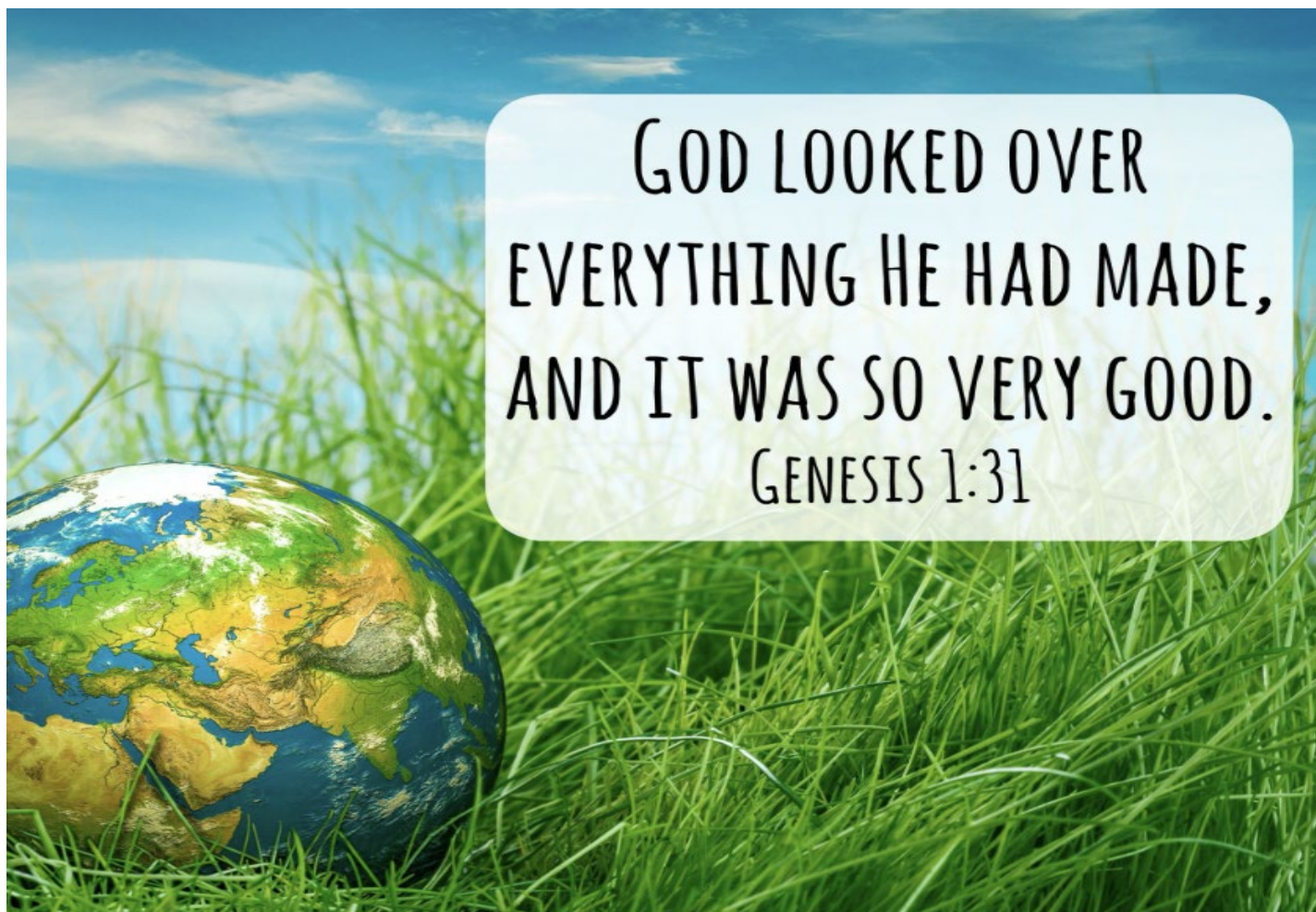


# Bellport United Methodist Church

185 S. Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713 (631) 286-0525

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B



**Welcome!**

**The Bellport UMC family welcomes visitors from all backgrounds. You are invited to join us for our fellowship hour following the service. For childcare, large print hymnals, or directions to our accessible access (elevator), please see any of our ushers. Our current newsletter and church brochure with upcoming events are available in the entry area and Fellowship Hall. We hope you will feel God's presence with us, and we invite you to join us again. We invite members and guests to sign in at the entrance area. Thank you!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT CHURCH MEETINGS

Bible & Healing Prayer Service: Monday – Friday 7:15 AM on Zoom

Women’s Bible Study: Monday 7 PM At Anna McClure’s Home

Bible Study: Every Monday at noon. On Zoom

Youth Bible Class: Every Wednesday, 7: 30 PM. On Zoom

Men’s Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays (5/11, 9 AM) at the Church

Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7 PM, Sundays at 9 AM.

\*\*Church Council Meeting: 6/18, 7:30 PM, Zoom

Finance Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/14, 7 PM

Trustee Meeting: 5/8, 7: 30PM.

Nomination & Leadership:7/18, Tuesday, 7:30 PM. Zoom

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: 7/21, Sunday, 10:40 AM after service

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: 2nd Sundays at 8:45

Stewardship Committee:

Outreach:

😊 **Thank you for your Food Pantry Donations; the Drop Box is available.**

**Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** in the Sign-up Sheet. Thank You!

**Child-Care Service Person Wanted!** (Sundays 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM)

- **The Thrift Shop** is open Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Youth Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 PM:** April 17th-The Local Church; April 24-No Class; Spring Break for School; May 1-The Connection; May 8-Simple Worship; May 15- Remembrance (lesson about Communion)- Last Class of Spring Session.
- **May 4, Saturday, 9am,** LIE district Conference at Dix Hill UMC
- **May 7, Mother & Daughter Dinner;** the details are in the insert.
- **May 19th, Pentecost Sunday-Confirmation**
  - **June 7 – 9, 2024** (11 AM, Friday~12:30 pm, Sunday): 225th New York Annual Conference: “And Know That I Am God”, Hilton Stamford Hotel and & Executive Meeting Center, 1 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902

Registrations Link: <https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/2024AnnualConferenceStamford>

April 28, 2024

9:30 A.M.

**5th Sunday of Easter, Year B Worship Order: Church Color (White)**

**WE GATHER AND PRAISE**

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

**WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)**

♪ **CENTERING: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CANDLE**

♪ **INTROIT**

**Call To Worship (1 John 4, John 15)**

Leader: As members of Christ's tree of life,

**People: We are connected, in love, to God.**

Leader: As members of Christ's tree of life,

**People: We are connected, in love, to one another.**

Leader: As members of Christ's tree of life,

**All: We strengthen our connection through worship. Amen!**

♪ **Opening Hymn #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Vs. 1~3)**

 **Opening Prayer**

**All:** Loving God, send Your Spirit among us now. Bind us to You in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to You in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundant love to Your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

**WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND**

**Prayer of Confession (Acts 8, Psalm 22, 1 John 4, John 15)**

**All:** Speak truth to our hearts, O God. Speak love to our lives, that we may remain in Your love and share Your love joyously with others.

Speak grace to our souls, that we may rest in Your grace and forgive others as we have been forgiven. Speak mercy to our world, that all the world may know Your love and find redemption in Your grace. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Words of Assurance (Psalm 22, 1 John 4)**

God's promises are sure. The promises of forgiveness, grace, and love are true. In Christ's love and grace, we are forgiven and made new.

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**All: Peace be with you!**

**Ministry Of Music:** "Let There Be Love" arr. by Jerry Nowak

**Children are welcome to join the service.**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 27-31; Genesis 3:1-7**

**Gospel Reading: John 15:1-9** -1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes\* to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed\* by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become\* my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

♪ **People's Response in Music : UMH #71**

**“Glory be to the Father,”** and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be,  
a world without end. Amen.

**The Message:** “How to Abide In Love” Rev. Lydia Han

**Prayers of the People – Your Joys & Concerns (page 7)**

You may offer up a prayer or thanksgiving, followed by “This is my prayer,  
O Lord.” The church family will respond, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Leader: The love and light of God flows through our lives, bringing us  
joy and hope. With thanksgiving in our hearts, let us offer our gifts to  
God, the source of all our blessings.

♪ **UMH #431** “Let there be Peace on Earth” (Vs. 1)

♪ \* **The Doxology UMH #95** “Praise God, from Whom ...”

**Offering Prayer (1 John 4, John 15)**

**All:** Loving God, bless these gifts with love. Transform lives with our  
ministries, that Your people everywhere might know Your grace, abide  
in Your love, and connect with Christ, the vine of life. Amen.

**WE GO FORTH**

♪ **UMH, # 671** “ Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing ”

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

## **Commissioning & Benediction: (1 John 3, John 10)**

Leader: As God's children, go now to serve.

**People: We go to serve in love.**

Leader: Abiding in Christ, go with Christ to love.

Go to serve in love and peace.

**All: We go with Christ's love to love one another.**

### **Choral Response**

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.  
THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US.  
PLEASE COME BACK!**

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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COFFEE HOUR: Carolyn Holtz

USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse

TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst, Bill Lang, Samuel Han

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# Prayer List (Please email/contact the office or the Pastor)

**Sympathy Prayers** for families who lost their loved ones this year!

**Prayers:** Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: Mark and Lois Barton, Joe Harder (Jr.), Jack Antos & the family, the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman, Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrane, Mary Scott, Carl Moodt, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Prayers for Young Adults including: Andrew, Ethan, Amy and Seann, Shelby, Derek, Diana, Oliver, David and Samuel; the Pastor & the family, and all Church affiliated people

**Prayers for COOP Churches (Cooperative Parish):** United Methodist Churches of South Shore, & UM churches/ All the churches worldwide

**Stewardship**  
*All things are possible with God*

Devote Time      Share Talent

Give Treasure      *A way of life*

### Lord's Day Attendance: 4/21/2024

ADULTS	CHILDREN	ZOOM	FACEBOOK	YOUTUBE	GUESTS	TOTAL
36	2	0	53			91

### Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 4/21/2024

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Envelops	Flower	Holidays Easter
		Coffee Hour	
N/A	N/A		
Building Fund & Use	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Hygiene Kits	Total
N/A	N/A		\$N/A

**Send Offering Checks By Mail:**

**“Bellport United Methodist Church”**

**PO Box 460, Bellport, NY 11713**

**By ZELLE: [bellportumc@optimum.net](mailto:bellportumc@optimum.net), Tel: 631-205-4050**



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

**We believe[s] God's grace is open to all**, and therefore practice[s] "open Communion"--meaning that anyone may participate in receiving Communion. We believe salvation is an open gift from God, accepted by individuals according to their own free will. The United Methodist denomination is a "big tent" theologically, providing space for theological discourse and, at times, disagreement.

We affirm the beliefs expressed in the Apostles Creed. These include:

- The belief in one God, who is the Creator and sustainer of the universe.
- The belief in the Trinity, that there is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- The belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is fully human and fully divine.
- John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, taught that we pursue our faith in community and action with others. We practice social holiness. We insist that personal salvation always involves a Christian mission and service to the world. The United Methodist Church has a long history of action and advocacy for social justice.

United Methodists are active in their communities and in the world through a variety of ways, including:

- Participating in local mission projects and service initiatives.
- Supporting global mission efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and other mission organizations
- Advocating for social justice and working to address issues such as poverty, hunger, and inequality.
- Providing educational and vocational training opportunities.
- Creating and supporting community development programs.
- Offering counseling, support groups, and other forms of pastoral care

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