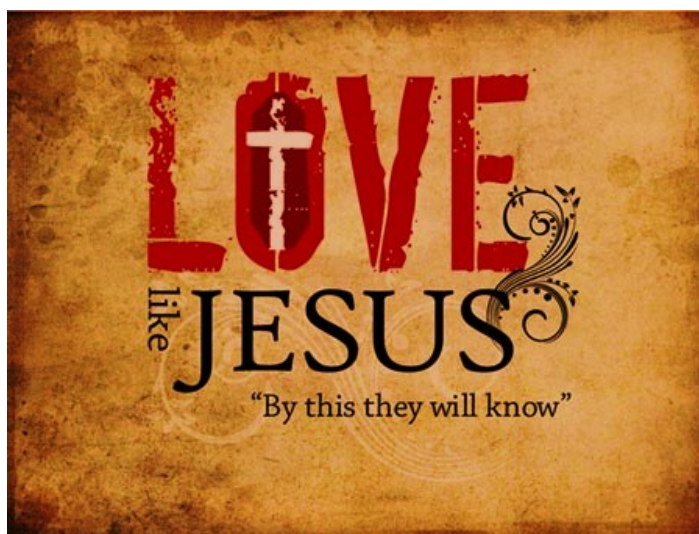


# Bellport United Methodist Church



**Celebrating Over 150 Years of Caring Ministry**  
**We are called, as disciples, to experience Christ's love**  
**for us and to embody God's love in the world.**



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- **Zoom Meeting On your computer or tablet**

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- **Facebook Live Stream <https://www.facebook.com/bellportmethodist.church.5>**

 **May 15, 2022, Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship, Year C** 

**Christian Home/ Family Life Month**

**WE GATHER AND PRAISE**

**1. Prelude & Centering Music, Candle Lighting & Choral Introit**

Dan Fogel

**2. \*Call to Worship ( From Psalm 148)**

Bruce Groh

Leader: Praise God from the heavens!

**All: Praise Him from the skies above!**

Leader: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

**All: Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!**

Leader: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

**All: Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!**

Leader: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

**All: Praise Him, men and women, young and old!**

Leader: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

**All: We gather to praise and worship our God!**

**3. \*Opening Hymn**      “There’s a Spirit in the Air” (V. 1~7)      #192

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNwfljTraFU>

1. There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done.

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

4. Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

5. When a stranger's not alone, then the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a Spirit in the air, calling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

#### 4. Opening Prayer:

**Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day. Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to fully receive the joy, which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future. Amen.**

### **WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND**

**5. Ministry of Music**      “Hymn of Promise”      arr by Natalie Sleeth

**6. Children’s Message and Song “ Love”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4txYU9dhs0g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOsnEkcKWKM>

**7. Welcoming, Announcement & Sharing Joys and Concerns**

## Praying for People

(“This is my prayer; “Lord, Hear Our Prayer”)

Prayers and strength for ~Lee Senad~ Carl Moodt ~Bruce Caim and the Family ~Mark & Lois Barton~ Donna & Carl Catandella ~ Yosik Chu ( Pastor’s son in law, James’ father)~for Barbara Down ( Surgery 2/15, 3/1) and her son, Pastor Brian Downs and family ~Joseph Allan Harder ~The Hoag Family ~ Caryl MacDougall ~ Blake & Elaine Lawlor ~ Gianna & Kaylee Martinez ~Kathleen McKeown & family~ Anna McClure ~ Lillian Muttitt,~ Kristin Quatrone~ (waiting for a kidney transplant) ~ Ann Stonebridge ~ Deborah Keller & family~Marie Keller ~ Janet Vander Zalm and family ~ Dorothy Vogel ~ Trudi Wiesen

Sympathy & Condolence: Mathilda( Tilly) Austin (5/1)’s family

Prayers for Ukraine and Russia

## Pastoral Prayers

### 8. Scripture Reading

Bruce Groh

**Acts 11:1-18**—11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at

the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Revelation 21:1-6-** <sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **9. The Gospel Message:**

**“ Do You Know How to Truly Love Someone?”**

**“Theological Guidelines:** Scripture: United Methodists share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine. Through Scripture, the living Christ meets us in the experience of redeeming grace. We are convinced that Jesus Christ is the living Word of God in our midst whom we trust in life and death. The biblical authors, illumined by the Holy Spirit, bear witness that in Christ the world is reconciled to God. The Bible bears authentic testimony to God’s self-disclosure in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as in God’s work of creation, in the pilgrimage of Israel, and in the Holy Spirit’s ongoing activity in human history.”

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/theological-guidelines-scripture>

### **John 13:31-35-The New Commandment**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” <sup>38</sup>Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.”

### **10. Respond in Hymn or Praise “Spirit of the Living God” #393**

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

## **11. Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at Your Incarnate Love. Forgive us when we go through our daily routine focusing on despair, doubt, and defeat while forgetting to love like the Risen Lord, Jesus Our Savior. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of Your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives and let us follow You with love that was brought to us. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Alleluia and amen.**

## **12. Passing of the Peace “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431**

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God our creator, children all are we.**

**Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.**

**With every step, I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.**

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

## **13. Stewardship Report & The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Attendance:** May 8th-36 ( adults) 6 ( children) in person; 49 ( FaceBook), 8 ( Youtube)= Total 99.

**Last Week's Offering Report from Ellen, Finance Secretary:**

**May 8th.** Total: \$2,141, includes Current, Building Fund, and Benevolence, (including \$50 Native American)

**Coffee Hour Fellowship Donation:**

**Thrift Shop Volunteers: Anna McClure ( 286-1172), coordinator**

**Alpha Course Brunch: Wednesdays 9: 30 am(3/16~): Celia Bilfinger ( 804-5190)**



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PawvcIz4QPo>

[https://www.nyac.com/files/websites/www/Final+Apportionments\\_2022.pdf](https://www.nyac.com/files/websites/www/Final+Apportionments_2022.pdf)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nKeoymWimY>

**Thank you for your faithful support!**

#### **14. \*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **15. Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous and giving God, we offer gifts this day as those who have received so much more. You gave Yourself to us and asked only for devotion, yet we got distracted by the world. You offered all of creation to meet our needs for food and shelter, yet we decided we wanted more. You offered Your love to all, yet we decided some were more worthy and valuable than others.**



**So, You gave us “the repentance that leads to life,” and all our giving pales by comparison. Dedicate us, we pray, in Christ’s holy name. Amen. (Acts 11:1-18)**

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**16. \*Sending Hymn: “Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love” ( V. 1- 4) #422**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG2egDVrG3Y>

**1. Jesus, thine all-victorious love shed in my heart abroad;  
then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.**

**2. O that in me the sacred fire might now begin to glow;  
burn up the dross of base desire and make the mountains flow!**

**3. O that it now from heaven might fall and all my sins consume!**

**Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call, Spirit of burning, come!**

**4. Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;  
scatter thy life through every part and sanctify the whole.**

**17. \*Commissioning and Blessing**

**Holy God, before time You named us.**

**Through time You redeem us.**

**You call us precious in Your sight.**

**May we love as You love.**

**Holy One, through the turbulent waters**

**make us steady. Your hands**

**holding strong the fragile and weak.**

**May we love as You love.**

**Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives**

**be food for the hungry, bread**

**clothing, shelter, fire, and water, Lord.**

**May we love as You love.**

**God of justice, remove the chaff  
of our lives that keep us from  
Hearing and following Your call.  
May we love as You love.**

**Loving God, take our fears our  
worries, distractions, and  
turn them into wheat, heart food.  
May we love as You love. Amen**

**\*Benediction: May the Lord bless you, keep you and fill you with His  
Spirit. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. By the grace of  
our God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!**

**Choral Response & Postlude “ Go Now In Peace ( Love)” ( V. 1) # 665**

**Go now in peace(love). Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Please Join the Coffee Hour**



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**Please Check out the Church Event Ideas**

<https://research.lifeway.com/2014/01/06/52-ideas-for-your-church-in-2014/>

**And Speak to the Pastor or the Ministry ChairPerson.**

**Your Suggestions are Welcome!**



**Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:30 AM**

**Monday: Upper Room Devotional & Morning Prayer ( 7 AM, Upper Room, Zoom)**

**Monday: Spiritual Rebirth (12 PM. Zoom), Women's Group (7 PM. Anna's Home)**

**Tuesday: Upper Room Devotional & Morning Prayer ( 7 AM, Upper Room, Zoom)**

**Wednesday: Upper Room Devotional & Morning Prayer ( 7 AM, Upper Room, Zoom)**

**Thursday: Upper Room Devotional & Morning Prayer ( 7 AM, Upper**

**Room, Zoom)**

**Thursday: 7 PM (Choir) (Church)**

**Friday: 7 AM, MP, 11 AM: Quilters (Wesley House)**

**For Building Use Questions and Church Office Hour: Tuesday~ Friday; 9 AM ~ 1 PM, Call the church office at 286-0525 ( John and Paulette)**

**Small-Group Leaders' Meeting: TBA**

**May 18th- Wednesday 9: 30 AM- The Last Day of Alpha Course**

**June 1- Wednesday 12 PM- The Alpha Leaders' Meeting ( Parsonage)**

**June 15th, June 29th ( Wednesdays at 9:30 AM)-VBS Prep. Meeting ( Wesley House)**

**May 16-20 ( Monday~ Friday)- Pastor Lydia, not available due to Attending a Spring Training; the training courses include Ministry Project focusing on Life/Small Group of the Church( Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, Palos Verdes California, Any Emergencies, please contact the office or SPPR chair Patty Munson)**

**May 22 - 6th Sunday of Easter ( BBQ & Potluck at the church garden)**

**May 27-7th Sunday of Easter**

**June 5-Pentecost Sunday**

**June 12-Trinity Sunday, Peace and Justice Sunday**

**June 18th-Saturday- Long Island East District Intercultural Cultural Celebration in Honor of Juneteenth at 10:30 AM-1:30 PM hosted by Commack UMC, 486 Town Line Rd. Commack, NY 11725**

[juneteenth5.11.22.pdf](#)

**Special Sundays Ideas**

**[https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2022/01/26/18/03/2022\\_ss\\_planning\\_calendar\\_revised\\_1-26-22.ashx?la=en](https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2022/01/26/18/03/2022_ss_planning_calendar_revised_1-26-22.ashx?la=en)**

**(Vacation Bible School VBS) is currently scheduled to take place from Monday, August 1st to Friday, August 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Registration will take place from May to July.**

**Volunteers are needed for the following: “Bible Story Station”, Skit Station”, “Snack Station”, “Sing and Dance Station”, “Arts & Craft Station”, and “Table Toys & Game Station”.**