

Bellport United Methodist Church

185, S. Country Road, NY 11713, 631-286-0525

✝ January 22, 2023, Third Sunday of Epiphany Worship, Year A ✝

Welcome! 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 handicapped access (elevator) please see one of our ushers. Our current newsletter and church brochure (with upcoming events) are available in the entry room and the Fellowship room to take home. We hope you have a meaningful worship service and will visit again. Please sign our guest register in the entry room as you arrive or leave. (Dear beloved members, please check in with the attendance binder at the entrance!) Thank You! 😊



Open hearts.

Open minds.

Open doors.



- CHURCH OFFICE: (631)286-0525, Mon.~ Thur. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- CHURCH WEBSITE: <http://www.umcbellport.org/>
- CHURCH EMAIL: bellportumc@optimum.net
- ZOOM MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6312860525>
- DIAL BY PHONE: 16465588656 then 6312860525#
- PASTOR: Rev. Lydia Han, (646)464-2215, lydia.han@nyac-umc.com
- LEADER (Liturgist): Donna Catandella
- CHILDREN & YOUTH: Lori Labalsamo, Bill Morse
- CHILD CARE: Christine Jiang
- COFFEE HOUR: Shary Donnelly
- MUSIC: Lynn Hoag and the Choir; PIANIST: Dan Fogel
- USHERS: Bruce Groh, Mike Bilecki, Laura Terwilliger, Bill Morse, & Youth.
- TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst, Jay Han, & Samuel Han
- FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/bellportmethodist.church.5>
- PRESCHOOL: (631) 286-2498 Website: www.BellportPreschool.com
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY ORDER OF WORSHIP

HUMAN RELATIONSHIP MONTH: CHURCH COLOR(GREEN)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

♪ **INTROIT**

WELCOMING & GREETING —Leader (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27)

Where there is darkness, there is also light. Look for the light—places of love, joy, grace, and hope.

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 27)

Leader: We come seeking God,


People: the one who guides us and protects us.

Leader: People of God, there is nothing to fear,

People: for God dwells in our hearts.

Leader: Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

All: Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

♪  **OPENING HYMN** #98 “To God Be the Glory” (V. 1~3)

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Refrain) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)


 **OPENING PRAYER** (Isaiah 9, Matthew 4)

All: God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens. We come wondering if You are even here. We come seeking Your face, seeking Your love. At this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of Your love. Remind us that You are always with us and that You never leave us. Reassure us that You love us, even as You invite us to love one another. In this time and space, may we say “yes” to You. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

 **MINISTRY OF MUSIC** A Light Will Shine - by Lloyd Larson

WE READ SCRIPTURE AND PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER

 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read, and Your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen**

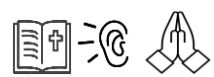
 **SCRIPTURE READING —Leader**

Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23—¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called

Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James’s son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

People: Thanks Be to God.



SERMON SERIES: All About Jesus’ Ministry

#1: “Foolishness or Wisdom”

(1 Corin. 1:10-18/Mt 4:12-23)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (Matthew 4)

Leader: People of God, may these words bring us good news—news of salvation and hope, news of light and healing. And may these words empower us to share the good news of your gospel. Christ’s love is for everyone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 4)

All: Merciful God, as we seek Your love and light, there are times when darkness invades our lives. Forgive us when we hide our true selves from You. Forgive us when we quarrel with one another, allowing our pride to overcome our commitment to the community. Forgive us when we give life’s activities priority over following the ways of Christ. O God, open our hearts to Your grace as You once again fill us with Your love and light. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE(1 Corinthians 1)

Leader: People of God, hear the good news of the gospel and rejoice! You are forgiven, and God's grace sets you free to love again. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Isaiah 9)

Leader: Siblings in Christ, the light of God shines on us.

All: The peace of Christ dwells within us.

Leader: Share signs of this love and peace with one another.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27)

Leader: God is our light and our love. May we joyfully offer our gifts to God as tokens of our gratitude.

🎵 **OFFERING OF MUSIC # 431** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

🎵  **DOXOLOGY # 95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

 **OFFERING PRAYER (Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 4)**

All: Loving God, the light of the world, we thank You for these gifts. May they share Your joy and Your hope, bringing reconciliation and help to those seeking to walk in Your way. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

When you are away, please send your offerings by

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WE SHARE AS GOD'S FAMILY

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please refer to pages 7 & 8)**

 **JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF PEOPLE**

'This is my prayer, O Lord; Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayers.'

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

♪   **SENDING HYMN**



#545 “The Church’s One Foundation” (Vs. 1~3)

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

  **BENEDICTION -(Isaiah 9, Matthew 4)**

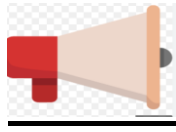
Leader: Brothers and Sisters, siblings in Christ, may the light of God shine in our lives.

People: May the love of Christ fill our days. And may the power of the Holy Spirit guide us always.

Leader: Go in peace. Amen.

♪ **CHORAL RESPONSE & POSTLUDE**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST (Please Contact the Office or the Pastor to Update Monthly)

- **Sympathy & Condolence:** Joan Prybyzerski's sister, YoSik Chu (1/13, James Chu/Victoria Han's family)
- **Prayers:** ~World's Peace~ Revival of the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit and Salvation of lost souls, Healing and Deliverance Prayers : ~ Carl Moodt ~Mark & Lois Barton~ Donna & Carl Catandella ~ Dr. Joseph Harder ~Sunday School (Teachers, Children, Youth & Teachers) ~Church staff~Preschool (children and staff)~Pastor Lydia and her family
- **Prayers for COOP Churches (Cooperative Parish):** United Methodist Churches of Bellport, Bayport, Patchogue, and Sayville <https://sites.google.com/bayportumc.org/south-central-cop-ministry/home?pli=1>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please Sign up to offer your gifts and talents to be blessed!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Abundant Blessings for Attendance: January 15, 2023: 30 adults, 3 children, 23 Facebook, 3 Zoom, 5 YouTube: Total: 64

Abundant Blessings for Offering: January 15, 2023: Current, benevolence, and building fund is \$2,945. This includes Christmas and last year's pledge donations.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Prayer Service: Monday~ Friday 7 AM. (Zoom)

Men's Bible Study: Monday 12 PM (Zoom)

Women's Bible Study: Monday 7 PM (Anna's Home)

Youth Confirmation class: Wednesday 7 PM. (Zoom)

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, 7 PM. (Church Sanctuary)

THIS WEEK'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

URD & MP: Monday ~ Friday 7 AM (Zoom)

Boy Scouts: Wednesday 4 PM (Community Room)

Brookhaven School of Dance: Monday~ Thursday: 4 PM (FH)

12 STEPS: Mon., Thurs., Sat., and Sunday, 7 PM (Community Room)

Quilters: Friday 11 AM (Wesley House, Room 1)

FUTURE SCHEDULE

~ **January 28**, Disciple2Disciple training, Hampton Bays UMC, February 11, Hicksville UMC, 9AM-12:15 PM. [CLICK TO REGISTER NOW](#)

~**January 30, 2023:** Register for Lay Servant Training, but do not delay! (Says Michelle Santos) Books must be ordered by participants by January 30, 2023. [\(REGISTER HERE\)](#)
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~ **February 6**, Monday 7 PM, All Clergy and Laity - "District Day" with Bishop Bickerton at Bible UMC, 1201 Carl's Straight Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746

~**Feb 11**, Saturday, 9AM - 1:30 PM [Leadership Training Workshops](#)

Workshops offered: Christian Education ~ Church Council ~ Finance ~ Lay Leadership ~ Mission Prayer & Fasting ~ Staff-Parish Relations ~ Stewardship ~ Trustee