

Bellport United Methodist Church

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



March 19, 2023, Fourth Sunday in Lent 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! 😊

Lent



- CHURCH OFFICE: (631) 286-0525, Mon. ~ Thur.: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- CHURCH WEBSITE: <http://www.umcbellport.org/>
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- LEADER (Liturgist): Margie Ludewig
- CHILDREN & YOUTH: Lori Labalsamo, Bill Morse
- CHILD CARE:
- COFFEE HOUR: Anna McClure and Doris Lundegard
- MUSIC: Lynn Hoag and the Choir; PIANIST: Dan Fogel
- USHERS: Bruce Groh, Laura Terwilliger, Bill Morse, & Youth.
- TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst, Jay Han, & Samuel Han
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ORDER OF WORSHIP; FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: CHURCH COLOR(PURPLE)
UMCOR SUNDAY

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

♪ **INTROIT**

(THEME: Vision focuses on this week's readings. God does not see as mortals see. When selecting Saul's successor to the throne, God instructs Samuel not to be influenced by human beauty. The psalmist teaches us to see God's presence even in the darkest valley. Paul encourages us to be children of light and to do the works of the day, that Christ's light may shine on us. And in John's Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind, even as the religious leaders remain blinded by their preconceived ideas. To see as we are called to see, God must be our vision.)

WELCOMING & GREETING —Leader (*Psalm 23, Ephesians 5*)

Be Thou our vision, O God. Be our eyes. Be our hearts. Be the grace that flows through our lives. Only with your eyes can we see rightly.

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 23, Ephesians 5*)

Leader: Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

People: The Light of the world shines in our lives.

Leader: Put aside the cares of the night.


People: In the Lord, we live in the light.

Leader: Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

People: Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.

Leader: Sleeper, awake! Christ's light is shining.

All: The Light of the world shines in our lives.

♪  **OPENING HYMN # 378 "Amazing Grace" (v. 1~3)**

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

(You may use the Hymnal in the Pews)



OPENING PRAYER (*Psalm 23, Ephesians 5*)

All: Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold Your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of Your love. Open our minds to the flame of Your truth. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of Your kingdom. Amen.



MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“God So Loved the World” by John Stainer

WE READ SCRIPTURE AND PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND 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 (You may use the Bible in the Pews)

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (God chose David, the smallest; He does not look on the outward appearances) **1**The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” **4**Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. **7**But the LORD said to Samuel, “**Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as**

mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³**Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.** Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People: Thanks Be to God

LENT SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1 Samuel 16, John 9)

All: In our weakness, O God, we often fear what we do not understand. In our blindness, we fail to see others as You do. Yet, we long to see as You see and to perceive as You perceive. We yearn to cast aside the shadows of the night and live as children born anew in the light of Your love. Help us behold Your glory this day, that we might reflect Your light for all to see. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 23)

All: Israel’s shepherd is our shepherd. The Light that leads us through the darkest valleys anoints us with love, fills our cup to overflowing, and brings us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

Passing the Peace of Christ (1 Samuel 16, Ephesians 5)

Leader: Look around. Look closely. Do you see Christ's light shining? Greet one another as children of light, for that is what you are when you abide in Christ, the Lord of light.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & RESPONSIVE HYMN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXg2ztge8f0>

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness; Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You (Chorus)**

**So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're
my God, You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me
(Bridge) And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross,
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  **DOXOLOGY # 95, UMH**

 **OFFERING PRAYER** (*Psalm 23*)

**All: Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day: for rest
in green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters, for health and
wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we
offer you our gifts this day. Through our offering, may others be blessed,
as we have been blessed from your hand. Amen.**

**When you are away, please send your offerings by MAIL: Bellport
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WE SHARE AS GOD'S FAMILY

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please refer to pages 6, 7, & 8)**

 **JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

♪ SENDING HYMN

#2235 b “We Are Marching” (TFWS)

We are marching in the light of God (2X)

We are marching, we are marching, Oh. We are marching in the light of God.

(Living in the love of God; moving in the power of God)

(You may use the Hymnal in the Pews)

BENEDICTION (Ephesians 5, John 9)

Leader: Go forth in the light of God.

All: We will walk as children of light.

Leader: Go forth in the warmth of Christ’s love.

All: We will travel as children of love.

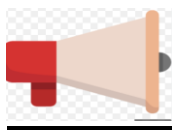
Leader: Go forth in the flame of God’s Spirit.

All: We will live as children of the Most High.

♪ 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: ~The Ramirez 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: ~ Kristine Quartrale~Sara Morse~ Norma Tryhane and family~Mary Scott ~ Carl Moodt ~Mark & Lois Barton~ Donna & Carl Catandella ~ Dr. Joseph Harder ~ Lillian Muttitt & her sister~ Dorothy Vogel & family~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>

- **Prayers for Clergy New Appointment Season 2023~2024**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Abundant Blessings for Attendance: March 12, 2023: adults, 5 child(ren), 44 Facebook, 4 Zoom, 8 YouTube: Total: 61

Abundant Blessings for Offering: March 12, 2023: Current, benevolence and building fund: \$1,421. \$55 was collected for flowers and \$100 for UMCOR

Thanks be to God and our congregation!

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Outreach Meeting (Smith Room): This Sunday (March 19th) 10 AM, Smith Room

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 (Zoom): Wednesday ~ Friday 7 AM

Boy Scouts(Community Room): Wednesday 7 PM

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

**12 STEPS: Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturday, 7 PM
(Community Room)**

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

FUTURE SCHEDULE

~ **Lenten Bible Study, March 22**, Wednesday 7 PM, Potluck, at Gathering Room

~ **Youth Camp, Quinipet, Shelter Island April 14-16 (grade 6~12)**

register/more Info at <http://www.liedistrict.com/YouthRetreat>: register to join the youth camp in April. (See insert)

~ **April 8, 10 AM. BUMC Men's Group will be meeting in the Gathering Area for "Prayer, fellowship, maybe some discipleship and cooking!"**

~ **April 8, 7 PM. Holy Thursday Service at Sayville UMC with Cooperative Parish**

~**April 8, 15, 22, 29 & May 6, (Sat. 11~1) Youth Leadership Certification Training basic Course Offered by Metropolitan District, Register <https://ny-reg.brtaapp.com/2023METDistrictLayServantMinistries>**

~**April 14-16, (Fri-Sun), 2023, Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island; District Youth Retreat (Please see the flier). Cost: \$125 for first child, and \$75 for each additional child**

~ **May 6, (Sat.)THE LONG ISLAND EAST DISTRICT; MISSION WALK & PICNIC!!!!_Heckscher State Park (*New Location:* Taylor Pavilion, Field 2) on Saturday, May 6th. Registration will begin at 9:30am, worship starts at 10am, and the walk steps off at 11am. The picnic will end at 3pm. Read More and Register Here: <http://www.liedistrict.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=60251&PID=1067053>**

~ **June 9~11, Friday to Sunday, 224th New York Annual Conference At Hofstra University, <https://www.nyac.com/>**