

Bellport United Methodist Church

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



May 21, 2023, Seventh Sunday of Easter 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! 😊

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



- CHURCH OFFICE: (631) 286-0525, Mon. ~ Thur.: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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- LEADER (Liturgist): Kathleen Wells
- CHILDREN & YOUTH: Lori Labalsamo, Bill Morse
- CHILD CARE:
- COFFEE HOUR: Anna M., Margie L., and Doris L.
- MUSIC: Lynn Hoag and the Choir; PIANIST: Dan Fogel
- USHERS: Bruce Groh, 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Ascension of the Lord

Festival of the Christian Home: CHURCH COLOR (Gold or White)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

♪ **INTROIT**

THEME: We are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord's Day as seven weeks of the Easter season is ending this week. Next week begins the season of Pentecost, the 50th day after the resurrection of the Lord that Jesus sent His/Holy Spirit to us.

WELCOMING & GREETING —Leader

Leader: Lifting his hands, Jesus blessed them.

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us gather in this space.

People: We gather from many places.

Leader: Let us center ourselves for worship.

People: We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

Leader: Let us receive God's blessing.

All: God's blessing is ours. We are God's beloved! Amen!

♪  **OPENING HYMN to Celebrate Ascension of the Lord's Day**

#308 "Thine Be the Glory" (V. 1~3)

1.) Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

[Refrain:] Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

(You may use the Hymnal in the Pews)

OPENING PRAYER

All: Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour Your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by Your power and Your grace. Amen.

 **MINISTRY OF MUSIC** “The Presence of God” by Jay Alhouse

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL & LORD’S PRAYER**

WE READ SCRIPTURE AND PROCLAIM

 **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)

Mark 16:9-20 ⁹Now after he rose early on the first day(Sunday) of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. ¹²After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country(Walk to Emmaus). ¹³And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. ¹⁴Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it

will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” ¹⁹**So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.** ²⁰And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

John 15:9-12 ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹**I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.** ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

People: **Thanks Be to God**

SERMON : Celebration of Corporate Discipline : Celebration

Celebration is at the beginning and the end of the journey of spiritual formation. It is the hope of joy that rightfully motivates a person to begin the practice of Spiritual Disciplines, and it is the experience of joy that signals a growing friendship with God. But how does this journey work? What is the model for change?

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

All: Life-giving God, we receive Your blessing, but we don’t always feel worthy to receive it. Your call often confuses us and Your love seems too generous. We worship and pray, yet we still count the times we fall short of what we think You expect of us. Your mercy is abundant, but we hesitate to open our hearts to receive it. Get our attention and draw us closer to You, that we may know the relief of Your assurance. As we pray to You, hear our prayers. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: God hears our faithful prayers and looks upon us with eyes filled with compassion.

People: Christ advocates on our behalf; through Him, we are forgiven.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: We are called by Christ from suffering to renewal, from despair to hope. As witnesses to God's love for all people, let us show God's love for one another. Let us pass the peace of Christ to restore the broken places in our community.

🎵 **OFFERING OF MUSIC** “ Let there be Peace on Earth”

🎵  **DOXOLOGY # 95, UMH**

 **OFFERING PRAYER**

All: Endless source of life, pour Your blessing upon the gifts we bring before You. Bless our giving in Your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of Your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Send Offerings By MAIL: Bellport United Methodist Church, PO Box 460, Bellport, NY 11713 Or ZELLE: bellportumc@optimum.net, Tel: 631-205-4050

WE SHARE AS GOD'S FAMILY

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please refer to pages 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

89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Vs 1-3)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

(You may use the Hymnal in the Pews)

BENEDECTION

Leader: Christ is lifted up! As He withdrew, He offered a blessing.
Receive His blessing today and be commissioned to serve God in this
world.

**All: We shall Offer healing to the broken and care to the empty.
Transform the world through Your faithfulness. 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:~The Schultz family~Antos' family, ~ Gagot's family

- Prayers: ~World's Peace~ Revival of the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit and Salvation of lost souls~ Kristin Quartarle~Sara Morse~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: May 14, 2023: 42 adults, 3 children, 40 Facebook, 4 Zoom, 8 YouTube: Total: 97
- Abundant Blessings for Offering: May 14, 2023 Current, benevolence and building fund \$1,928 Thanks be to God and our congregation!

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Prayer Service: Monday~ Friday 7:15 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

- Bible Devotion & Morning Prayer (Zoom): Wednesday ~ Friday 7 AM
- Boy Scouts(Community Room): Wednesday 7 PM
- Brookhaven School of Dance (Fellowship Hall): Mon~ Thursday: 4 PM
- 12 STEPS: Sun., Mon, Thurs, and Saturday, 7 PM (Community Room)
- Quilters: Friday, 11 AM (Wesley House, Room 1)

FUTURE SCHEDULE

~ Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour

~ May 18th, Preschool Art Show, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

- ~ May 28th, Pentecost Sunday
- ~ June 4th, Trinity Sunday, Communion Service, (Confirmation & Baptism)
- ~ June 9th~11th (Friday to Sunday): 224th New York Annual Conference at Hofstra University, <https://www.nyac.com/>
- ~ June 10th, Cello Recital, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- ~ June 14th & 15th, 9:45 AM-Preschool Moving Up Celebration/ Graduation