

Bellport United Methodist Church

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

April 13, 2025

“What Will You Lay at the Messiah’s Feet”



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 Entrance 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 101 Bible Study: Wednesdays at 11am or 1pm, in the Wesley House
Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 PM, at the home of Ellen Horn
Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.
Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays: 5/10, 9:00 AM at the Church
Bell Choir: Thursdays at 6:00 PM
Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7 PM, Sundays at 9 AM.
Church Council Meeting: 5/20, 7:30 PM, Zoom.
Finance Committee: 5/6 or 5/13, 7:00 PM, Wesley House
Trustee Meeting: 5/14, 7:00 PM, Wesley House
Staff Pastor Parish Relationship: TBD
Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD
Outreach: TBD

😊 **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!
- **The Thrift Shop** is open on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Outreach Meeting:** May 4th, 11:00 AM, Smith Room.
- **Lenten Services:**
 - Maundy Thursday: April 17th, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary.
 - Good Friday: April 18th, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary. A 24-hour Vigil will begin at 8:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, and end at 7:00 pm on Good Friday. Pastor Matthew is asking for volunteers to assist with the Vigil.
- **Easter Services**
 - Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 20th, 6:00 AM, Bellport Dock
 - Sunday Service: April 20th, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, April 20th, Following the Service.
- **Preschool Art Show:** Wednesday, April 30th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.
- **Mother / Daughter Dinner:** Tuesday, May 13th, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
RSVP by April 27th.

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Margie Ludewig, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

*(All are invited to stand if comfortable doing so, where the * appears)*

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“In whom will we put our trust, Rome or God, Pilate or Jesus, humility or domination? Let us remember, we follow the one on the donkey not the warhorse.” - Unknown

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Eternal is the love of the one who marches in and who advocates for us.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

♪ Opening Hymn: (UMH) #278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***PASSING THE PEACE- (UMH) #431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth.*

“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.”

OPENING TO THE PRESENCE



Gathering Prayer

Triumphant God, on this day, Jesus entered Jerusalem and was proclaimed Lord by those who laid garments and palms along His way. Let these palms be signs of His victory, and grant that we who wave them hail Him as our Lord and follow Him in the path of life. Lord, in our lives, let us take Jesus' example of triumphant humility as how we should live each day of our life.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* The Bellport Ringers

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY Walk to Emmaus Bill Morse

Ministry of Music *Why Does He Seem So Sad?* by Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

Moments for Children/ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CALL TO PRAYER (TFWS) #2215 "Cares Chorus"

*"I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And anytime, I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you."*

GOD SIGHTINGS, JOYS & CONCERNS (pages 7 & 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF LIFE: (UMH) #277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 12-29 (NRSV) O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ ¹² They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: ‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’ ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND READING: Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV) After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God

joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *What Will You Lay at the Messiah's Feet* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember radical transformation comes from God and was modeled in Jesus as he showed the world a new way to live. Let humility and compassion guide us, not power or domination. Hosanna!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY (UMH) #94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts.

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving

Prayer after Sharing

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

April 20th's Sermon: "Love Wins" –
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Matthew 28:1-10

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.
THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US.
PLEASE, COME BACK ANYTIME!**

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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CHURCH WEBSITE & SUNDAY BULLETIN: www.umcbellport.org

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MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: The Beuttenmullers

USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse

TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang

CHURCH FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/bellportmethodist.church.5>

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

Sympathy Prayers for Anna McClure on the passing of her cousin, Ernest (Ernie) Sykes. Mary Scott and family on the passing of her daughter, Josephine Pond, The family of Jean Barone. The Barton family on the passing of Mark Barton. To the Antos family on the passing of Jack (John) Antos.

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength: For Mary Scott's recovery. Rachel Langert and her father, Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrале, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vander Zalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hanafi. Prayers for Young Adults including Andrew, Ethan, Amy and Seann, Shelby, Derek, Diana, Oliver, David and Samuel, and all Church affiliated people.

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

		Lord's Day Attendance: 4/6/2025					
ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL	
30	2	5	86			123	
Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 4/6/2025							
Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Flower Fund					
\$905.	\$68.	\$270.					
Building Fund (Use)	Special Thanks/ Benevolence			Total			
\$84.	\$50.	\$.		\$1,377.			

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