

Bellport United Methodist Church

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April 20, 2025

“Love Wins”



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.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Today, April 20th, Following the Service.
- Preschool Art Show: Wednesday, April 30th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.
- Concert by the Long Island Symphonic Choral Association to benefit L I Cares. Sunday, May 4th, 3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.
- Mother / Daughter Dinner: Tuesday, May 13th, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
RSVP by April 27th.

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Ellen Horn, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“On Easter Day, the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.”

- Doug Horton

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ **PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EASTER GOSPEL Luke 24:1-5

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ **BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

♪ **INTROIT**

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen, indeed!

Leader: Sing joy O heavens and exult O earth,

People: For the Lord has comforted the world with hope.

Leader: The grave is empty, life reign, and death has no sting.

People: Let all the world say Jesus is Lord.

ALL: Christ has risen proving always that Love Wins!

♪ **Opening Hymn: (UMH) #302** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

***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

God of life in Jesus You bestowed upon the world the gifts of eternal love and life. Kindle our hearts and minds with a desire to shine with the brightness of Jesus’ rising, so we may enjoy the feast of everlasting light. Let this moment be the day we see proof of Your radical transformation in our lives and let us never be the same. In the name of Jesus, the Christ our risen lord and savior!

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *Halleluia Resurrection Morning* by Lloyd Larson

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 this day 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

EASTER HYMN: (UMH) #322

Up from the Grave He Arose

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NRSV) From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-9, 10-16 (NRSV) Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

THIRD READING: Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV) After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they

came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

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.

EASTER MORNING VIDEO *Finale, Les Misérables, 2012*

SERMON: “Love Wins” Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember- it is Easter! There is no longer death but life, no longer worry but joy, no longer fear but grace. Live love!

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

***SENDING HYMN: (UMH) #310** *He Lives*

EASTER BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Halleluia Chorus* George Handel

POSTLUDE

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US.

PLEASE, COME BACK ANYTIME!

CHURCH SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 AM
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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. 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. Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrone, Donna and Carl Catandella, the Vanderzalm family, Lillian Muttitt and the family, Dorothy Vogel and the family, Paul Herbst and Roseann Hanafi.

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

Stewardship
All things are possible with God




Devote Time Share Talent




Give Treasure *A way of life*

Lord’s Day Attendance: 4/13/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
40	4	4	118			166

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 4/13/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Easter	Easter Flowers
\$7,627.	\$127.	\$50.	\$135.
Building Fund	Building Use	Benevolence	Total
\$75.	\$663.	\$50.	\$8,727.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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