

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

May 4, 2025

“Keep the Resurrection Alive”



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 Study 101: 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. Sanctuary.

Choir for Worship: Thursdays at 7:00 PM, Sundays at 9 AM, Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 6/17, 7:30 PM, Zoom.

Finance Committee: 5/6, 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: 5/18, 11:00AM, Smith Room.

Harvest Fair Committee Meeting: 5/20, 7:00PM, Wesley House

😊 **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.
- **Long Island Symphonic Choral Association – Concert:** Today, Sunday, 5/4, 3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Free with cash donation or nonperishable food donation to benefit “Long Island Cares.”
- **Mother/Daughter Dinner:** 5/16. 6:00PM, Fellowship Hall.

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Sara Morse, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair.

We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” – Pope John Paul II

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

EASTER SEASON READING

Acts 9:1-20

WELCOME (page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (page 2)

♪ BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING** (A prayer by Chief Seattle)

Leader: “Every part of the Earth is sacred. Every shining pine needle, sandy shore, dark woods, clearing, and humming insect is holy.

People: Let us teach our children that the Earth gives us life. Let them know that whatever happens to the Earth, befalls upon us all as well.

Leader: This we know: the Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth.

People: Let’s give thanks to the circle that binds us thanks to the God of all.”

All: As Easter people, let us live as people of the resurrection to all creation.

♪ Opening Hymn: (UMH) #304 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

***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

Resurrection God, though Easter Sunday has passed, the Easter season has only just begun. Now, we journey and prepare for Pentecost in love. During this Easter season, let us never lose the joy. If we live each day as people of the resurrection, our Savior is, again, restored to life, each day; however, if we forget Easter, Jesus is, again, hung on the cross, alone. Let us reaffirm-our God is alive and so are we. God of life, let us never look back but ahead.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music

The Master's Table

by Joseph Fletcher

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) #364

Because He Lives

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32 (NRSV) And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, ²⁸Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. ²⁹Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. ³¹Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:1-18 (NRSV) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: ²Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. ³Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. ⁴John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; ⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, ⁶And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. ⁸I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. ⁹I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet ¹¹Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. ¹²And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

¹³And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. ¹⁴His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; ¹⁵And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. ¹⁶And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. ¹⁷And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

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: *Keep the Resurrection Alive* Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember to ask ourselves: how will we let Jesus be resurrected in our lives, every day? How will we each keep Jesus' message of love alive and filled with hope, so long after Jesus this world?

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

***SENDING HYMN: (UMH) #327**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

May 11th's Sermon- "Is It Okay to Call God Mother?"
Assorted Texts

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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TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang

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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. For Edward Schultz, Lois Barton (The Bristol, Sayville), Joe Harder (Jr.), the Downs family, Tess Mouquin, Peter & Barbara Berman (Village Walk at Patchogue), Doris Lundegard, Kristin Quatrala, 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: 4/27/2025

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
34	2	4	89			129

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 4/27/2025

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Flowers	Easter
\$950.	\$105.	\$20.	\$200.
Building Fund (Use)	Special Thanks/ Benevolence	Building Use	Total
\$40.	\$20.	\$425.	\$1,760.

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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