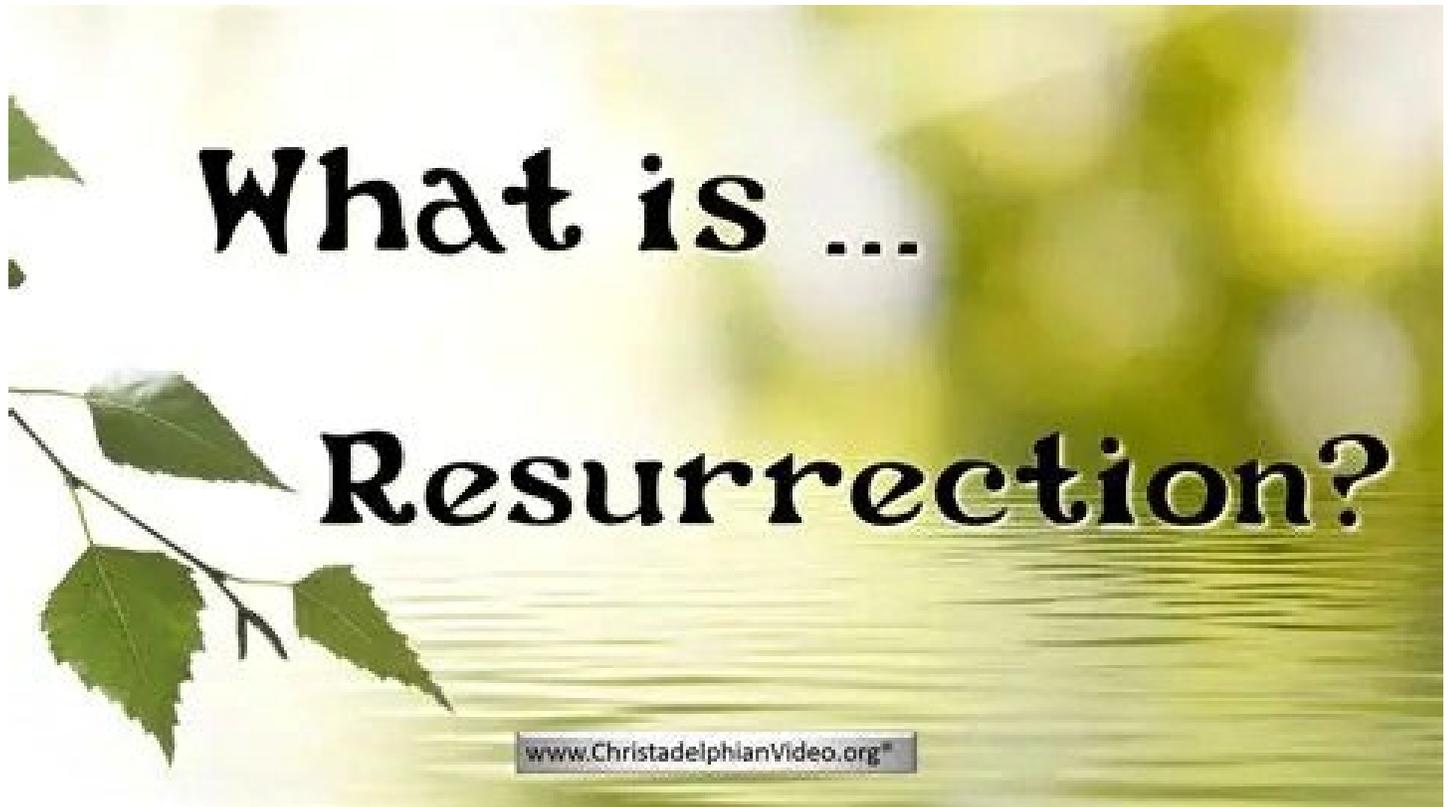


Bellport United Methodist Church
185 S. Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713 631-286-0525

March 22, 2026

“What Is Resurrection?”



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 Welcoming Area and Gathering Room entrance to the Sanctuary. 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, Two sessions: 10:00 and 1:00 pm

Men's Bible Study: Mondays and Fridays at 3:00 PM on Zoom.

Men's Breakfast: 2nd Saturdays of the month: 4/11/2026, 9:00 AM at the Church.

Bell Choir: Thursdays. Sanctuary. Startup Date TBD.

Choir for Worship Rehearsal: Thursdays, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting: 5/19/2026, 7:30 PM, Wesley House.

Finance Committee Meeting: 4/7/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Trustee Meeting: 4/8/2026, 7:00 PM, Wesley House.

Staff Pastor Parish Relationship Meeting: TBD.

Worship Team & Ushers Meeting: TBD.

Outreach: TBD, Wesley House.

- **Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour** on the Sign-Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. Thank You!
- **The Thrift Shop** is now open. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed. Three-hour shifts (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM). Donations can be placed in shed behind the Thrift Shop. For further information or to volunteer, call 631-286-0746.

All Church services, programs, and events are also posted on the Church Website: www.umcbellport.org

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Danna Prather-Davis, Liturgist

Welcome visitors. Please sign our Guest Book!

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

GATHERING THOUGHTS

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."—John 11:25-26

ENTERING INTO THE PRESENCE

♪ PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

WELCOME (Page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Page 2)

♪ MEDITATING ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

♪ INTROIT

***CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING**

Leader: God of light and life, in the mystery of dying and rising Jesus, You established a new covenant of reconciliation and redemption.

People: Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all people, so Your saving grace may be known throughout the world.

All: Teach us, O God, more about Your mystery and gift of resurrection.

♪ Gathering Hymn: (UMH) #303

The Day of Resurrection

***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 (*in unison*)

God of grace, as Jesus wept with Mary and Martha Lazarus’ tomb, He looks with compassion on those who grieve, today. All of us here have something inside that causes sorrow, which causes pain, but as Christ brought new life to Lazarus, so too does He bring new life to us. Forgive us for those wrongs we commit that pull us back from You and continue to bless us with Your promise of life in this world and the next. Let us learn to live as people of the resurrection and let us share this exciting mystery with all we meet.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

Ministry of Music *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* by Greg Sewell

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

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:7-10 (NRSV) So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

SECOND READING: John 11:33-44 (NRSV) When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ ³⁷But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’ ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

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 Is Resurrection?

Reverend Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember while much is a mystery, never fear- for in resurrection- sin and death no longer holds us, only God does.

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 SONG: (UMH) #89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

March 29th's Sermon: "What Is True Power?" -

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-42

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.

TELEPHONE: 631-286-0525

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DIAL BY PHONE: 16465588656 then 6312860525#

PASTOR: Rev. Matthew Querns, 845-208-1405, matthew.querns@nyac-umc.com

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COFFEE HOUR: Tony Vargas and Adam Banks

USHERS: Bruce Groh, Bill Morse, and Youth

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Lori Labalsamo and Bill Morse

TECHNOLOGY: Barbara Pannhurst and Bill Lang

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

Sympathy Prayers

Prayers: Rescue and recovery for victims of natural disasters & wars, Peace of the World, Revival of the Church, Prayers for healing and strength for the following:

Kent Adee, Lois Barton (Heather Heights, Pittsford, NY), Joe Harder (Jr.), Doris Lundegard, Donna and Carl Catandella, Susan and Alan Payne, and Edward and Patricia Schultz.

Prayers for Tom Bracken on the passing of Kathleen Wells. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Vogel on her passing.

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: 3/15/2026

ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE LIVE			TOTAL
31	3	6	13			53

Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 3/15/2026

Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate	Flower Fund	UM Men	Food Pantry
\$3,980.	\$40.	\$160.	\$43.	\$50.
Building Fund Pledge	Benevolence	Building Use	Outreach	Just for Today
\$175.	\$40.	\$1,513.	\$800.	\$25.
FH event	Dance School	Cello	Fuel & Snow Removal	Total
\$500.	\$738.	\$250	\$3,340.	\$11,654

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