

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

April 5, 2026

“Who Is God?”



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: 4/12, 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: 4/9, 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!
- **Outreach Meeting:** Monday, April 6th, 11:00 AM, Smith Room.
- **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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

9:30 AM

Reverend Matthew Querns, Pastor

Lynn Hoag, Director of Music

Bruce Groh, 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/PROCESSIONAL/QUIET MEDITATION**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EASTER GOSPEL Luke 24:1-5

WELCOME (Page 1) & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Page 2)

♪ **MEDITATING ON 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.

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed!

♪ **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 *Joy Returns in the Morning* by Judith Snowden

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 (Page 8)

PASTORAL PRAYER

EASTER HYMN: (UMH) #322 *Up from the Grave He Arose*

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 John 4:7-21 (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. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

SECOND READING: John 20:1-18 (NRSV) Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her 'Woman why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him. ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing

there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 *Be the Miracle* *Bruce Almighty*
SERMON: “Who Is God?” Rev. Matthew Querns

SERMON CHALLENGE: This week, let us remember God is love. God is not wrath or vengeance. God is love, and you are loved. Now tell the world so all know.

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) #304** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

EASTER BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Halleluia Chorus* George Handel

POSTLUDE

**Next Week, Danna Prather-Davis
will be preaching and leading worship.
Join us next week for worship and Easter continues!**

**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

CHURCH EMAIL: bellportumc@optimum.net

ZOOM MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6312860525>

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

MUSIC: Lynn Hoag & Choir, PIANO: Dan Fogel

COFFEE HOUR: Darise and Bill Lang

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. To the Gerig family and the Pannhurst family on the passing of Joseph Gerig.

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

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	ADULTS	CHILD REN	ZOOM	FACEBO OK /YOU TUBE	GUESTS		TOTAL
	36	4	7	130			177
	Abundant Blessings for Offerings: 3/22/2026						
Current/ (Pledge, Tithes)	Loose Plate		Flower Fund		Total		
\$881.	\$73.		\$130.		\$1,084.		

Send Offering Checks By Mail:

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