

THE SANCTUARY

Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 21, 2023 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

WELCOME		Sellers
CALL TO WORSHIP		
“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place”		
The congregation is encouraged to join in singing with the choir.		
“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God.		
How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God.”		
Words adapted by Liam Lawton from Psalm 84, music by Liam Lawton, arr. by Paul A. Tate		
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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* GREETING		Dusenbury
Leader: The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.		
People: Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.		
Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;		
People: as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.		
* HYMN	“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”	No. 96
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	“The Apostles’ Creed”	Sayre No. 881
* GLORIA PATRI	“Glory Be to the Father”	No. 71
WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE		
COLLECT		
Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.		
EPISTLE LESSON		Isaiah 40:27-31
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER		
“Bow the Knee”		
“There are moments on our journey following the Lord where God illumines ev’ry step we take. There are times when circumstances make perfect sense to us, as we try to understand each move He makes. When the path grows dim and our questions have no answers, turn to Him. Bow the knee; trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see. Bow the knee; life your eyes toward heaven and believe the One who holds eternity. And when you don’t understand the purpose of His plan, in the presence of the King, bow the knee. There are days when clouds surround us and the rain begins to fall; the cold and lonely winds won’t cease to blow. And there seems to be no reason for the suffering we feel; we are tempted to believe God does not know. When the storms arise, don’t forget we live by faith and not by sight. Bow the knee...”		
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN	“Ask Ye what Great Thing I Know”	No. 163
GOSPEL LESSON Acts 1:1-11		
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	“Empowered	Dusenbury
OFFERTORY	“Calm in My Soul”	Peery
* DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	No. 94
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
Gracious God, thank you for the gift of your Word. We praise you for Jesus' resurrection, His ascension, and the promise of His return. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, unite us in fellowship, and empower us to share your love. Grant us endurance and help us be your witnesses and instruments of peace. Amen.		
* HYMN	“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”	No. 304
* BENEDICTION		
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL		
Please remain in place and join in singing.		
“Lift High the Cross”		
Lift high the cross,		
the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.		
Words by George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, music by Sydney Hugo Nicholson		
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* POSTLUDE	“Golden Harps Are Sounding”	HERMAS

§ Seating by Ushers *Rise in body or spirit.

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME		Malambri
* SONG	“Great Things”	
* PASSING OF THE PEACE		
* SONG	“Holy Water”	
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
“The Apostles’ Creed”		
CELEBRATION OF GIFTS		
SONG	“Holy Father”	
SCRIPTURE	Acts 1:1-11	
MESSAGE	“Dynamite”	Malambri
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		
* SONG	“What Kind of Man”	
* ANNOUNCEMENTS		
* BENEDICTION		

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, Isaac Dusenbury, J.T. Brown Ministers: Belin Congregation
Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis
Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Keith Clarke, Sam Hale,
Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

Announcements

■ **Flowers** on the Sanctuary altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Janet McEachren from her Pew Pals.

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to Elizabeth Ross and John Charles, family, and friends, in the death of their mother, Dot Hanna (North Litchfield, SC).

■ **Congratulations to Pastor J.T. Brown** for completing his years of preparation for ordination in the United Methodist Church and full membership in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Pastor J.T. will be ordained on the evening of Sunday, June 4, 2023, in Florence, SC. A few celebrations are planned and you are invited to be part of any or all of it. The first will be a reception at J.T.'s home church, Central UMC of Florence (167 S Irby St, Florence, SC), at 4 PM, on June 4. The ordination service will be at 7 PM, at the Florence Center (3300 W Radio Dr.). If you would like to attend those but prefer to ride a chartered bus from Belin Memorial, please sign up with Mandy Carriker in the office soon - limited space available (mandyc@belinumc.org; 843-651-5099). The ordination service will also be available online, for those unable to attend in person.

■ Belin **United Methodist Men** are getting together this Monday, May 22, at 6:30 PM, in the Family Life Center. Be part of this growing group. Dine with friends and meet some new ones. Representatives from the South Carolina Coastal Task Force on Human Trafficking will be there to talk about the situation in Horry and Georgetown Counties. Call the church office (843.651.5099) to RSVP. Subs and chips will be served. The cost is only \$10. See you there.

■ Join us in the Family Life Center this Wednesday, May 24, at 8:30 AM, for the "Best \$3 Breakfast in Town" at the **Rollie Hana Breakfast**. This week retired nurses Pauline Baxmeyer and Lee Harunk will be discussing "Senior Wellness," the signs and symptoms of stroke and heart attack so you'll know when to seek help. So bring a friend and enjoy great food and learn important information about your health.

Dates to Remember

- May 21, 5 PM: Youth Group (FLC)
- May 22, 10 AM: Bridge (FLC)
- May 22, 1 PM: Art Angels (FLC)
- May 23, 10 AM: Mahjong (FLC)
- May 23, 1 PM: Intermediate Bridge (FLC)
- May 24, 7:45 AM: Man2Man (online via Zoom)
- May 25, 7 PM: AA Meeting (Sanctuary)

In Worship Together

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To be a place for you to discover love, find purpose, and make a difference.

Our Journey: To connect, grow, and serve.

Are you interested in joining Belin Memorial...

but don't know where to begin?

Starting Point is the place for you!

Here's a chance to enjoy a little ice cream while getting to know the pastors, one another, and our church better. Starting Point meets the second Sunday of each month at 4 PM in the Family Life Center. We hope to see all looking to know more about membership and Belin Memorial at our next Starting Point, **TODAY at 4 PM.**



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