

THE SANCTUARY

Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 22, 2026 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

Please note: the 8:45 AM service will be livestreamed.

GATHERING

Sellers

CENTERING “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!

How lovely is Your dwelling place, is Your dwelling place, O God!

Words adapted from Psalm 84, music by Liam Lawton, arr. by Paul A. Tate

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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

Stevens Poirel

Leader: The Lord is calling us to the grace of new life.

People: **God surprises us with the breath of the Spirit.**

Leader: Jesus says to us, “I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.”

People: **Praise be to God, who gives us life.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Adapted, Ministry Matters

* HYMN “I Know Whom I Have Believed” No. 714

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Ale
“The Apostles’ Creed” No. 881

* GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” No. 71

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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(8:45 AM) Kara Pomicter

(11 AM) Harriet Coker, Laykin Doehner, Cynthia Moran

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways that lead to life eternal. Amen.

Adapted, UM Communications-UMC

PARDON

God promises forgiveness. Jesus promises, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever trusts in me will live.” Believe this word of promise and walk in newness of life in Christ.

LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Ever Living God, when we are surrounded by the darkness of grief, illness, or despair, remind us that you are the resurrection and the life. We trust you and your promise of life eternal with you. Amen.

SONG OF THE CROSS

“In the Shadow of the Cross”

“Prince of Heaven, sacred Son, sent to Calvary to bear a burden we could not, to win eternity. Precious Savior, Lamb of God, sacrifice for all, setting down His heav’nly crown to choose us for His own. In the shadow of the cross there is hope. In the shadow of the cross there is strength. Through His suffering salvation shone its light and love is cast on us in the shadow of the cross. Now we press on day by day waiting for His call, knowing high upon a hill, there’s room enough for all. In the shadow of the cross there is hope. In the shadow of the cross there is strength. Through His suffering salvation shone its light, and love is cast on us in the shadow of the cross. Though we will never walk the road to Calvary, the grace that led Christ on is now the grace that sets us free! In the shadow of the cross there is hope. In the shadow of the cross there is strength. Through His suffering salvation shone its light, and love is cast on us in the shadow of the cross, in the shadow of the cross, shadow of the cross!”

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” No. 273

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:38-44

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Right Now” Stevens Poirel

OFFERTORY “Cross of Christ Medley” arr. Shackley

* DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, as Jesus released Lazarus from the grip of death into new life, may our ministry serve to give others the promise of new life. Accept these gifts we offer to proclaim your love. Use our talents in ways that will demonstrate your presence and love, so that the Gospel may be heard and lived out anew. Amen.

Adapted, When We Gather

* HYMN “Hymn of Promise” No. 707

* 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.

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* POSTLUDE “Be Exalted, O God” Chambers

** Rise in body or spirit.*

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME

Malambri

OPENING PRAYER

* SONG “Raise A Hallelujah”

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* SONG “Come What May”

LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Ever Living God, when we are surrounded by the darkness of grief, illness, or despair, remind us that you are the resurrection and the life. We trust you and your promise of life eternal with you. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “All My Tears”

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:38-44

MESSAGE “Death to Death” Malambri

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* SONG “Come Ye Sinners”

* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, Sandra Stevens Poirel

Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Bill Barber, Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, George Howle, Jonathan Nettles, Connie Stinson

Announcements

■ **Belin Children's Ministry Summer Camps** – Registration is now open for all summer camps: Vacation Bible School, Cooking with Ms. Kim, Basketball, Kids Theater, and Art will be available. Reserve your spot, as space is limited for each camp. For more information contact Kim Oakley (kimo@belinumc.org; 843.357.5197).

■ **Blessing of the Inlet** t-shirts are available for \$20 in the Family Life Center (room 2), Lee's Inlet Apothecary, and Lee's Inlet Kitchen. Make checks payable to 'Belin Memorial UMC.' Belin Youth will be selling the t-shirts between worship services this morning and next Sunday, March 29 in the Harbor Narthex area.

■ The **Easter Egg Hunt** is a time-honored tradition that sparks excitement and fosters a sense of togetherness among our community members. We have a lot of activities lined up, guaranteed to make this Easter one to remember. Belin Memorial will have an egg hunt, games, cookie decorating, and an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny. Celebrate with us on Saturday, March 28 at 10 AM in the Family Life Center.

■ **The United Methodist Men** meeting is Monday, March 30 at 6 PM in the Family Life Center. John Moak, a retired EMS helicopter pilot, will be the guest speaker. To RSVP or for more information, contact Gordon Myers (gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com; 843.344.4256).

■ **Belin Youth** has their dress on display in the narthex of the sanctuary from the Annual Compassion Through Fashion Show for New Directions Shelters in MB. The youth dress was designed by Charlotte Miller and modeled by Katerena Daminov. The dress was titled Tides of Entanglement.

~~~ Belin Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule ~~~

March 25:

Lenten Wednesday Service

Reverend Jonathan Nettles - "Blessed are the Pure in Heart"

Matthew 5:8

(12 NOON in the sanctuary with lunch available after the service)

Dates to Remember

- March 22 MS/HS 5 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- March 24 6 PM: Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)
- March 25 12 Noon: Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- March 26 10 AM: Morning Lenten Bible Study (FLC)
- March 26 12 Noon—4 PM: Adult Open Play Pickleball (FLC)
- March 28 10 AM: Easter Egg Hunt (FLC)

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.

You're invited to GIVE
your weekly offerings
by scanning this QR Code.



Belin Memorial UMC Give Now

Worship Attendance 3.11.26

The Sanctuary: 865

The Harbor: 350

Giving Week of 3.11.26

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 23,113
Cash	\$ 1,145
Online Giving	\$ 13,196
Total	\$ 37,454

The Observance of the Lenten Candles "Diminishing Light" of Lent

Candles serve as one of the most prominent and powerful symbols to represent the presence of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. During Lent, the Christian Church prepares to observe the Lord's passion and resurrection.

Each week as a candle is extinguished and the smoke rises, the light gradually diminishes, drawing us closer to the events that led to Christ's crucifixion when "darkness came over the whole land." (Matthew 27:45, NRSV) While the darkness seems all-consuming at the extinguishing of the last candle, that is not the end of the story. The Observance of the Lenten Candles serves as a sensory reminder of the truth, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) Every Sunday is The Lord's Day – "a little Easter;" and we are always moving toward "The Light."

Welcome to the Lenten Season as we journey together to Easter Day when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.



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