THE SANCTUARY

Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 30, 2025 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

GATHERING

Sellers

CENTERING

"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

"Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day."

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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING Stevens Poirel

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is,

who always was, and who is still to come - the

Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end.

People: This is our God - the One who loves us, and who gave

himself for us; who gathers us together in this place,

and bids us seek his face.

All: Let us worship God! Amen.

* HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brown No. 881

"The Apostles' Creed"

* GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" No. 71

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Covenant, we thank you for the promises you have made and kept through the ages. The strength of your love binds us together in spite of our shortcomings. God, bring us back into true covenant with you. Through your grace, remind us yet again that your love for us have never wavered. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

WORDS OF PARDON

LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

God of radiant light, your presence warms our hearts with peace and hope. Your wisdom illuminates the shadows of our fears and guides the way for us to follow. Your love made known through Jesus inspires us to serve you and our neighbor. As the Body of Christ, we gather to worship and give thanks and praise to you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 22:20-25

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

People: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN MEDITATION

"Search Me, O God"
("A Psalm of Humility")

"Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there be any wickedness in me. Is there strife? Is there pride? A transgression that is hidden from my eyes? Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God, and know my heart. Search me, O God. Search me, O God, and know my heart, my heart. And lead me, lead me in the path eternal. And lead me, lead to life that's everlasting, everlasting, eternals, Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, know me. Search my heart."

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 98

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 3:7-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"About That Door"

Stevens Poirel

OFFERTORY

"Thy Ancient Words"

Smith, DeShazo

* DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 95

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things, we thank you for all your mercles, and for your loving care over all your creatures. We thank you for the gift of life, for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us, and the trials that teach us to trust in you. Most of all we thank you for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior, the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter, for your Church, the body of Christ, for the ministries that we share, and all the means of grace. We ask for your continued blessings of grace and guidance as we seek to live as worthy stewards of all of your loving gifts, through Christ our Lord. Amen

* HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

No. 600

* 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

"Worthy Is the Lamb"

Fettke

***** *Rise in body or spirit.

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME

Malambri

OPENING PRAYER

* SONG

"House of the Lord"

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* SONG

"Who You Say I Am"

LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG

"Revelation Song"

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 22:12-17, 20-21

MESSAGE

"Amen"

Malambri

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* SONG

"The Way"

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, J.T. Brown, Sandra Stevens Poirel
Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Keith Clarke, Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

Announcements

- Deepest sympathy is extended to Dee Orr, family and friends on the death of her husband, Don Orr (Myrtle Beach, SC).
- Easter Lilies order deadline is tomorrow, Monday, March 31. If you have questions please call the church office (843.651.5099).
- The United Methodist Men meeting is tomorrow night at 6 PM in the Family Life Center. Gordon Myers is preparing "Brenda's Special Spaghetti Dinner". To RSVP or for more information contact Gordon Myers (gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com; 843.344.4256).
- The Easter Egg Hunt is a time-honored tradition that sparks excitement and fosters a sense of togetherness among our community members. We've got a whole bunch of activities lined up, guaranteed to make this Easter one to remember. So, what's in store for you at our Easter bash? Belin Memorial will have an egg hunt, games, cookie decorating and everyone will meet the Easter Bunny. Come and enjoy the celebration on Saturday, April 5, 10 AM in the Field of Faith.

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

Candles serve as one of the most prominent symbols to represent the presence of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. During Lent, candles have an important role as the Lenten season reminds us of Christ's journey to the cross that moves from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day.

Each week the light dims a little more as an additional candle is extinguished. This represents our drawing closer to Good Friday and the darkness at the time of Christ's crucifixion. When the last candle is extinguished, the darkness seems to be all-consuming. However, we remember every Sunday is The Lord's Day – "a little Easter." We are always moving forward toward The Light.

On Easter Day, the Christ Candle will be lit, as we celebrate The Resurrection and Christ's victory over sin and death. The observance of the candles serves as a visual reminder of the truth that: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

Dates to Remember

- March 30, 4 PM: Indigo Choral Society Spring Concert (Sanctuary)
- March 30, MS 5 PM, HS 5:45 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- March 31, 6 PM: United Methodist Men Meeting (FLC)
- April 1, 6 PM: Special Bible Year Zoom Discussion
- April 2, 12:45 PM: Lenten Luncheon (FLC)
- April 2, 5:30 PM: Dinner for Eight Celebration (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.

~~~ Belin Wednesday Lenten Service ~~~

April 2: Lenten Worship Services

Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan Central UMC, Florence "The Tears of Rejection" Mark 15:1-15 (12 Noon in the sanctuary)

## Worship Attendance 3.23.25

Traditional Service: 829
Harbor Service: 362

### Weekly Finance Update 3.23.25

Weekly Need: \$62,178

Received Last week: \$34,802

IN MEMORIAM Don Orr March 27, 2025



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