

West Belmar United Methodist Church

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

9:30 AM

*Congregation stands if able and comfortable.

BOLD – Congregation Response

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Led by Shelly Kritsky*
(inspired by John 15:1-8)

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine
bear much fruit.

**We come because we long to be spiritually
vibrant, alive, productive.**

If we abide in Christ,
then Christ's words will abide in us.

**We come because we strive to be
faithful disciples.**

We gather for worship now to the glory of the
One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

~ written by Joanna Harader

*HYMN OF PRAISE "God Of The Ages" UMH #698

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Greet one another)

*PSALTER (In Unison) Inspired by Psalm 22
Led by Shelly Kritsky

**God, you promise never to forsake us,
but to bring us to life,
nurture us with your presence,
and sustain us even in the hour of our death.**

**Meet us in our deepest doubts
when we feel abandoned,
drowning in our fear of your absence.
Visit us in the tension between our yearning
and our anger,
that we may know your mercy and grace
in our time of need. Amen.**

~ from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

CHANCEL CHOIR "It Is Well With My Soul" UMH #377
verses 1, 3 & 4

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison) *led by Jim Hughes*

**Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have
and all that we are,
that we may praise you
not with our words only,
but with our whole lives.**

~ posted on Life in Liturgy

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

– Jim Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 5:24-34

Read by Shelly Kritsky

²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around
him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject
to bleeding for twelve years.

²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

SERMON: "A TALE OF TWO DAUGHTERS"

Jim Hughes

*CLOSING HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross" UMH #504
verses 1, 3 & 4

*BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING - *Jim Hughes*

*SENDING "Shalom to You" UMH #666

POSTLUDE

Going Forth to Serve the World

Today's Speaker: *Jim Hughes of Jim Hughes Ministries*

Liturgist: *Shelly Kritsky*

Music Director: *William Ellis*

Next week's Lay Speaker:

Reverend Robert Wecht, Retired Elder



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*"The Mission of West Belmar United Methodist Church
is to Nurture and Encourage each other in Faith
while sharing our Gifts and God's Love
with the Community and the World."*