

**We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.**

**April 13, 2025**

**9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Palm Sunday**

**Prelude** *Palm Branches* Williams/Nolan

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 118, adapted

Give thanks to the Lord, because God is good.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Fling wide the gates of righteousness so that we can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

**God has answered us. God is our saving help.**

The stone that was rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone.

**Once we were no people, but now we are indeed God's people. God is astounding in our sight.**

This is the day the Lord acted. Let us rejoice and celebrate!

**Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed! Hosanna, God!**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**\*Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH #278

**Opening Prayer** Philipians 2, adapted

**May the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.**

**Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a servant and by becoming like human beings. Through his obedient and humble servanthood, God highly favored him and gave Jesus a name above all names. Grant us, O God, that same spirit of humility so that we may give ourselves in service to others. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Receiving and Celebrating New Members**

Joan E. Carey - Transfer from Another Denomination

Chris Frederick - Transfer from Another Denomination

Nikolaos Koufomichalis - Transfer From Another Denomination

Douglas Lathrop - Transfer from Another Denomination

Brenda Little - Transfer from Jonesville UMC

Vance Little - Transfer from Jonesville UMC

Kathryn Luu - Transfer from Newark First UMC

Megan Rockwell - Transfer from Stamford UMC

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

*\* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

**to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Commendation and Welcome**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**Anthem** *Triumphal Entry* Krueger/Innes

**The Palm Sunday Story** Mark 11:1-11

**Song** *Jesus Loves Me* (vs. 1) UMH #191  
Children (and their people) are invited to come forward to the first pew for Young Disciple Time during this song.

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Song** *Jesus Loves Me* (vs. 1) UMH #191

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:35-40

**Message** Wesleyan Rooted: Serve Impactfully Pastor Ian

**Response Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This*, vs. 1-2,4 UMH # 292

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts and our Thanks to God**

**Offertory** *The Power of the Cross* Getty/Townend

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise thou our Source, Christ, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Blessed Assurance* Cosby/Knapp

**Invitation to Holy Week** Pastor Ian

**Unison Prayer**

**Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. Grant that when the shouting dies we may still walk beside you even to a cross.**

**\*Hymn** *Would I have Answered When You Called* vs. 1,3,4 TFWS # 2137

**\*Benediction** Pastor Amy

**\*Benediction Response** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* v. 1 TFWS #2112

**Postlude** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* American Folk Hymn

**Thank you to our worship leaders today.**

**Ushers**

9:00am: April Hicks

10:30 am: Ross Golden

Linda Faulkner

**Next week, April 20**

Mary Jo Farrell

Orion Marchese

Nancy Bianco

**Balcony Tech**

Kim Locker

Pete Farrell

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by Jan Tunison, Jerry and Cheryl Brady.

**Would you like to be on the prayer chain?** Email coordinator Cat Jenkins, prayer.bhumc@gmail.com or contact the church office at 518-399-5144 or burnthillsumc@gmail.com

## Announcements

- Our **Easter Offering** helps neighbors near and far! This year, our **Outreach Committee** decided that the Easter Offering will be shared between **BHUMC's 2025 Ministry Plan, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Regional Food Bank, and Ukraine United Methodist Relief**. Place your offering in the collection plate using the special offering envelope marked **"Easter Offering"** or drop it off at the church office. To give electronically, please visit the church website at: [nybhmc.com/online-giving.html](http://nybhmc.com/online-giving.html), click "Click Here to Give Online", and enter the amount you want to give in **"Easter"** line.
- Throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter, Pastor Ian will be facilitating a weekly class in conjunction with our Social Justice Action Group called **The Land is Not Our Own: Seeking Repair Alongside Indigenous Communities**. This class will gather at 7pm on Wednesday, April 16, April 23, May 7, and May 14 at a local restaurant for fellowship and study. Utilizing material from Sarah Augustine's *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* and Joy Harjo's *Living Nations Living Words: An Anthology of First People's Poetry*, this small group process lays a foundation of trust and relationship, so that together participants can acknowledge injustice, honor the interconnectedness of all Creation, and seek healing, repair, and hope alongside Indigenous communities. **To sign up for this class, contact Pastor Ian or sign up on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall.**
- Choir rehearsal will change to **6:30 pm on April 10 and April 17**, then revert back to **7:00 after Easter**.
- **Social Justice Action Group Day Mini Fair - April 27 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**. Everyone welcome! Seed swap, vendors and YOUR ways to celebrate and care for the earth needed. Check bulletin board outside Knight Hall or contact Cathy Bryson.
- **ZOOM group/ministry for parents of trans-gender children, next ZOOM is Tuesday, April 22**. If you or someone you know is a "Trans-parent" and would like to join this group, send me an email at [lindab125@outlook.com](mailto:lindab125@outlook.com). This group is not limited to those who attend UMC churches. Anyone is welcome; please extend the invitation to those in your community. Grandparents are also welcome!
- On **May 4**, we move our **"one worship service at 9:30 am"** schedule through **September 7**. Mark your calendars!
- Memorial Committee Scholarship applications are available online at [nybhmc.com](http://nybhmc.com)—more—scholarship application or call the office and ask for one to be mailed to you. The **deadline for submission is May 12**.
- Save the date for **Vacation Bible School—August 11-14**. Follow BH-BL Summer VBS on Facebook for updates.

| WEEKLY CALENDAR   |   |
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| <b>Sunday, April 13</b><br>9:00 AM<br>10:30 AM  | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>Worship<br>Worship  |
| <b>Monday, April 14</b><br>12:00 PM   | <b>No Earlybirds</b><br>BH-BL Women's Club/KH   |
| <b>Tuesday, April 15</b><br>10:00 AM<br>1:00 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM | Meditation/Senior High room<br>BH-BL Women's Club Book club/FS<br>Daisy Troop/Upstairs<br>Troop #3856/Upstairs<br>Troop #56/KH<br>Trustee mtg.  |
| <b>Wednesday, April 16</b><br>8:30 AM<br>6:00 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM                      | Fix-its<br><b>No Explorers</b><br>Saratoga Voices/Sanctuary<br>AA meeting/Fireside Room<br>This Land is Not Our Land/Offsite/Contact Pastor Ian |
| <b>Thursday, April 17</b><br>6:00 PM<br>6:30 PM   | <b>No Seekers</b><br>Maundy Thursday Service<br>Choir rehearsal   |
| <b>Friday, April 18</b><br>12:00-3:00 PM  | Good Friday Open Sanctuary  |
| <b>Sunday, April 20</b><br>9:00 AM<br>10:30 AM  | <b>Easter</b><br>Worship<br>Worship   |



*Holy Week & Easter*  
2025  
Burnt Hills United Methodist Church  
**Worship Schedule**  
BHUMC Love God. Love Neighbor. Serve the World.

- Palm Sunday — April 13**  
9am & 10:30am Sunday Worship  
Welcoming new members
- Maundy Thursday — April 17**  
6pm Service of Holy Communion and remembrance of Jesus' last days
- Good Friday — April 18**  
Sanctuary Open from 12pm – 3pm for prayer and reflection
- Easter Sunday — April 20**  
9am & 10:30am Sunday Worship  
Celebrating the Resurrection



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### BHUMC Welcome Statement

*At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy. We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world. We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children. All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.*



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