

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

April 20, 2025

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday

Prelude *Easter Alleluia* 15th century French carol Trinity Brass

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** by Joanna Harader, adapted, "Spacious Faith" blog

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah!

On this day we celebrate resurrection.

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

Hallelujah!

The light of love has shattered the shadows of fear.

Hallelujah!

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

Hallelujah!

We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve.

Hallelujah!

***Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, verses 1-4 UMH #302

Prayer by Steven Shakespeare, "Prayers for an Inclusive Church"

God of new creation,

from the womb of earth

you raised the Lord of life:

may we receive the word of women

who braved the soldier's spears

and met him in the dawning light;

may we live with morning joy

that love will never die,

through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.

God unlimited

by mortal fear

or tomb's cold grip:

in the lingering dark

give us grace to know

your life triumphant

your love undimmed

in the face of Christ,

the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Anthem *Day of Joy* Williams/Martin Chancel Choir

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

Hymn *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH #322
--remain seated during verses, stand on the refrain, in body or in spirit!

Scripture Reading Mark 16: 1-8

Message Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Response "Find the Light" by Rene David Ramirez Mike Zygo

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

Offertory *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* Latin hymn, adapt. Praetorius
Chancel Choir with Trinity Brass

***Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

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 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* Trad. Caribbean, arr. Hopson

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola

The Lord's Prayer (in your heart language) UMH #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *He Lives* UMH #310

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Response "Times Like These" by Foo Fighters Mike Zygo

Postlude *O Christ When You Ascended* Gillette/Smart Trinity Brass

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

Thank you to our worship leaders today.

Ushers

9:00am: Mary Jo Farrell

10:30 am: Orion Marchese

Ross Golden

Next week, April 27

Libby Horn

Bill Phillips

Ross Golden

Balcony Tech

Orion Marchese

Steve Skibinski

Diane Skibinski

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service
hosted by Mary Jo and Pete Farrell.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir and Trinity Brass: Jeremy
VanKeuren, trumpet and Harmon Tunison, trombone, for their
special music this morning.

Welcome

Welcome to worship! If you are new, please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.

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, 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.**
- Social Justice Action Group Day Earth 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 transgender 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. 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—more—scholarship application or call the office and ask for one to be mailed to you. The **deadline for submission is May 12**.
- Gun Safety Presentation – May 4 at 1:00 pm**
May is Gun Safety Awareness month. Our Social Justice Action Group invites you to come and listen to members of the gun safety group, Mother's Demand Action, a student group Marching For Our Lives, and a member from the NY State Police Department discuss these issues and answer all your questions about keeping our church and family safe. If you have any questions please contact Sue Hennessy at henn1219@hotmail.com
- De-Escalation Training on May 17 at 1pm**
In preparation of our witness and support at various Pride events this summer, our friends at First Schenectady UMC (603 State Street, Schenectady) are hosting a FREE de-escalation training on Saturday, May 17, at 1pm. The training will be facilitated by Sylvester Doyer, a veteran community organizer and activist and member of FUMC: Schenectady. If you intend on attending Pride events this summer and are concerned about possible presence of counter-protestors, this event is highly recommended. Contact Pastor Ian for more information.

- Save the date for VBS! **August 11-14, 2025**
Burnt Hills UMC—All are Welcome!
Follow "BH-BL Summer VBS" on Facebook for updates

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, April 20	Easter
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, April 21	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds/FS
5:30 PM	Troop #3872/KH
6:30 PM	Troop #3801/FS
6:45 PM	Troop #2169/Upstairs
	No Church Council meeting
Tuesday, April 22	
10:00 AM	Meditation/Senior High room
7:00 PM	Troop #56/KH
Wednesday, April 23	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
6:00 PM	Troop #3857/Upstairs
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	This Land is Not Our Land/Offsite/Contact Pastor Ian
Thursday, April 24	
9:15 PM	Seekers
7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
Friday, April 25	
12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch @ Jade Bistro
Saturday, April 26	
10:00 AM	Memorial Service for Ann Chatterton
Sunday, April 27	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:00 AM	Earth Day Fair
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	VOH Choir

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"Early in the Morning" Monet's Garden, Giverny, France, April 10, 2025 photo by Amy B. Gregory

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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