

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

April 27, 2025

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us
And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:
You are my children. Live!

***Hymn** *God, You Made Your Good Creation*
text © Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to the tune of #581/ BEACH SPRING

Opening Prayer by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

Creator God, you call us to take on the holiness you have planted within us. In our worship this day, open our eyes and hearts to your movement that longs to make a home in us. So be it. Amen.

Anthem

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 John 20:19-31

Message "???" Thomas" Pastor Amy

Response Hymn *We Walk by Faith* vs. 1-3,5 TFWS #2196

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

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song

Pastoral Prayer by Rev. Chad Hornsby, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

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.

***Sending Hymn** *Now the Green Blade Riseth* vs. 1,3,4 UMH #311

***Benediction**

Postlude

Thank you to our worship leaders today.

Ushers

9:00am: Libby Horn
10:30 am: Bill Phillips
Ross Golden

Next week, May 4

9:30 am Linda Faulkner
Paula Miller

Balcony Tech

Diane Skibinski

Steve Skibinski

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27

9:00 AM Worship
9:45 AM Youth Choir
10:00 AM Earth Day Fair after both services
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM VOH Choir

Monday, April 28

9:30 AM Earlybirds/FS
2:00 PM Special K/Fireside Room
6:30 PM Troop #2424/Upstairs
6:45 PM Troop #2169/KH

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 AM Meditation/Senior High room
7:00 PM Troop #56/KH

Wednesday, April 30

8:30 AM Fix-its
9:30 AM Explorers
6:00 PM Troop #3910/Upstairs
7:00 PM AA meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM Social Justice Action Group/KH

May 1

9:15 PM Seekers
7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 2

10:00 AM Preschool/Sanctuary
5:30 PM Troop #2169/KH

Saturday, May 3

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast/KH
10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group
11:00 AM Party/KH

Sunday, May 4 One Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Youth and Voices of Hope Choir
1:00 PM Gun Safety/KH

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

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by Greg and Nancy Adams and Bert and Sally Longbotham.

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

Welcome

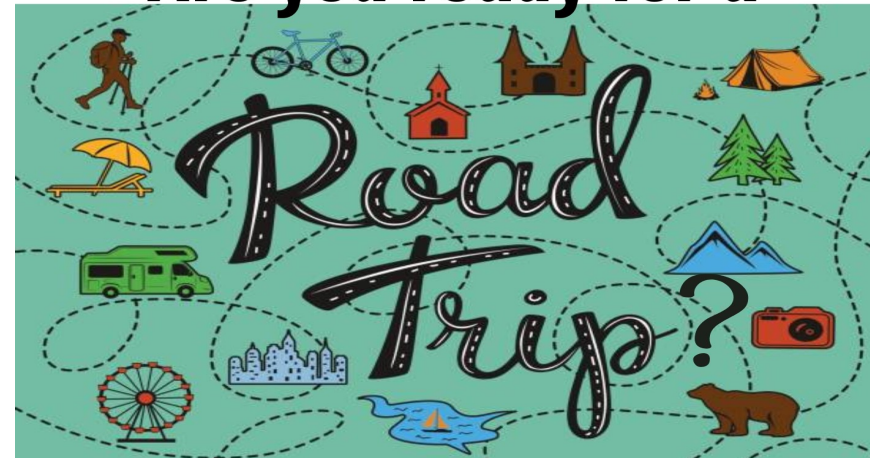
Welcome to worship! If you are new, please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.

Announcements

- The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Richard Chatterton, In Loving Memory of Ann Chatterton.
- **Social Justice Action Group Day Earth Day Mini Fair - Today 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.
- **On May 4, we move our "one worship service at 9:30 am" schedule through September 7.** Mark your calendars!
- **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
- Do you have questions about online giving using Vanco services at Burnt Hills UMC? Or questions about how to change your church pledge for 2025? If so, you are invited to **visit a Helpdesk Table during a Coffee Hour in May**, hosted by members of the Finance Committee. For questions related to your current 2025 estimate of giving or your 2025 Quarter 1 Statement, please contact Sue Zoller, our Financial Secretary at financialsecretary@burnthillsumc.org.
- 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, 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.**

- Memorial Committee **Scholarship applications** are available online at nybhunc.com—more—scholarship application or call the office and ask for one to be mailed to you. The **deadline for submission is May 12.**
- **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.

Are you ready for a



SAVE THE DATE for VBS!

Aug 11-14, 2025

Burnt Hills United Methodist - all are welcome!
follow 'BH-BL Summer VBS' on Facebook for updates

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Church phone: 518-399-5144 press "2"



April 27, 2025



South wall of the choir enclosure, Notre Dame de Paris
Jean Ravy then Jean le Bouteiller, architects
sculpture, first half of 13th century; polychromy c. 1860
Amy Gregory, photo April 11, 2025

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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