

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

April 28, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude *For The Beauty of the Earth*
arr. Rutter, adapt. VanKeuren

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** (1 John 4:7-9, 13) by Mindi Welton Mitchell
Carol Potochney

Beloved, let us love one another,
Because love is from God;
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through Christ.
By this we know that we abide in God and God in us,
Because God has given us the Spirit.
Let us love one another and join in worship of our God,
For God is love.

***Hymn** *Gather Us In* (vs. 1,3,4) TFWS #2236

Opening Prayer by Mindi Welton Mitchell

Mystery of Mysteries, help us to seek Your wisdom by living into Your truth, and Your truth is found in the love we have for one another. May our love be fearless. May our love be without judgment. May our love call us into Your ways of justice, Your ways of practicing kindness, and Your ways of building peace. Mystery of Mysteries, we only know You in a glimpse; but we know You most fully in the abiding love we have for one another, a love that comes only from You, who gave Your life for us. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Eucharistic prayer by Larry J. Peacock ©2005

The Great Thanksgiving:
God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to our God.
Let us give thanks to the living God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... all the company of heaven we join the unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

... that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer 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.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion *Let Us Be Bread* Porter

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191

Young Disciples Time

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Scripture Reading John 15: 1-8

Message Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Hymn of Response *I Need Thee Every Hour* (vs.1,4,5) UMH #397

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, our Tithes and our Thanks

Offertory *Take Me To The Water* African American spiritual

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Cutts

Morning Prayer

***Hymn** *O Blessed Spring* (vs.1,2,5) TFWS #2076

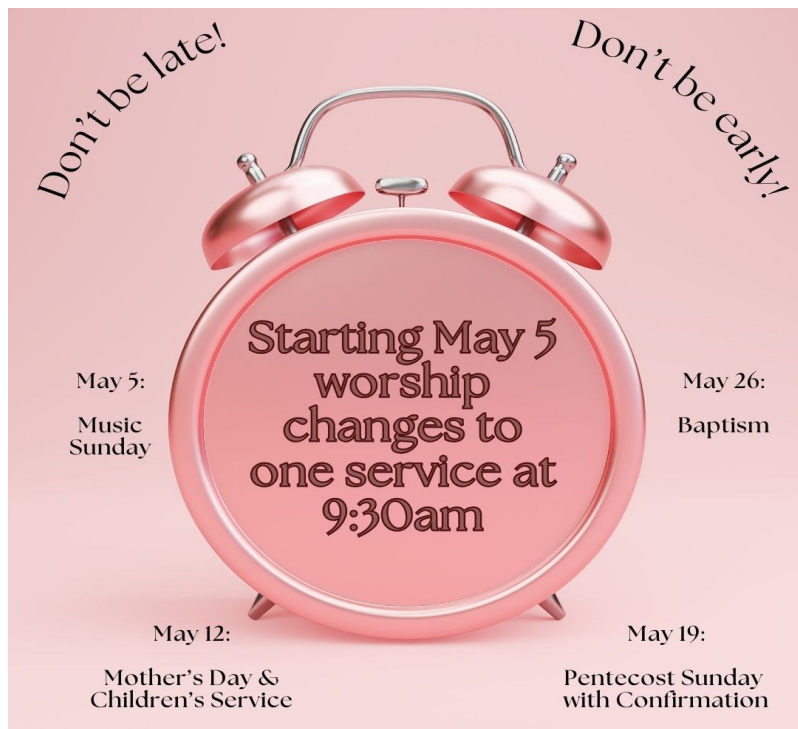
***Benediction**

Postlude *Hallelujah! What A Savior!* Bliss

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service
hosted by the Lord's Acre Fair Committee

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.
- **All are welcome to Jesus' table and Holy Communion.** We use grape juice and bread. Gluten-free option available. Jesus followers of all ages and denominations are welcome!
- We will be **collecting prayer cards** during the offering. If you would like your **prayer request** forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please check the appropriate box on the card.



Announcements

We are grateful for all of the ways BHUMC is such a generous congregation of heart and resources!

- Our April Special Offerings are wrapping up at the end of the month. Please give online through Vanco or mark your offerings for: **“Easter Offering”** or **“NAMS”** (Native American Ministries Sunday) by the end of the month so we can get the money to where it needs to go to start working!
- **Next Sunday, May 5, is Music Sunday.** We dedicate a special offering that Sunday in support of our music ministry in recognition of how music touches our spirits and connects us to God in the way that only music can do. Wise ones have said, music is like prayers said twice—how true that is! Please **mark your special gifts: “Music Sunday”**
- Our website is down! It is far more complicated to restore than ever imagined. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope it will be up to speed again soon.
- **Early Birds Study**(Mondays at 9:30am) The **new book is in the office** *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*. A \$13 donation, if you are able. Join us as often as you are able for coffee, snacks, a video and a lively discussion! This week, Chapter 2.
- **Memorial Committee Scholarships are available for seniors heading to college in the fall.** Our website is currently not available so please contact the office at 518-399-5144 to have an application emailed or mailed to you. **The deadline for submission is May 12.**

- **Save the Date!** Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) will once again sponsor the **Phil Grigbsy Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK** on **Sunday, May 5th** with registration beginning at **noon** and the **WALK step off that begins at 1:00 PM.** Look for signup sheets on the bulletin board inside Knight Hall or talk to Paula Miller or Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais.
- Go to www.umc.org to find links to information on General Conference. Livestreams and daily updates. Keep our Upper NY Conference delegates and the entire gathering in your prayers.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, April 28	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
3:30 PM	Scouts
Monday, April 29	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
6:45 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, April 30	
7:00 PM	Scouts
Wednesday, May 1	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
5:30 PM	Scouts/KH
7:00 PM	AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Table Talk/Pizza Works
Thursday, May 2	
9:15 AM	Seekers/KH
5:00 PM	Playgroup/Classroom
6:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 4	
8:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast/KH
10:30 AM	Caregiver’s Support Group
Sunday, May 5	
9:30 AM	Music Sunday
	Worship
3:00 PM	Scouts/KH
3:30 PM	Scouts



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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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