

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
April 2, 2023 9:00 AM Palm Sunday

Prelude *Make Way, Make Way* Kendrick
Shelby Bryson, soprano, Kim Locker, Kristen Reck, altos

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** by Thom Shuman

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.
We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts
Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.
We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.
Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

***Hymn** *All Glory, Laud and Honor (verses 1, 3, 4)* UMH #280

Prayer

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord!
Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city, give us grace to
recognize the king we proclaim, and courage to be a part of your
kingdom-even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the
world, even when it leads us where we do not want to go. Empower
us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives of power and
wealth and status, and embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and
praise.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

Anthem *The Tree of Life* Scott Soloists

Scripture Matthew 21: 1-11

Reading *“So Many Journeys”* by Janet Pybon

Musical Response *The Holy City* by M. Maybrick & F. Weatherly
Brendan J. Fox & Daniel Huh

Reading *“Blessing of Palms”* by Jan Richardson

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

Hymn *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (verses 1 & 2)* UMH # 301

Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *When Twilight Comes* Minchin/Feliciano

***Singing Our Praises** *Give Thanks* TFWS #2036

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Lord, Is It I?* McIntyre/ Hassler harm. JS Bach Soloist

Pastoral Prayer by David Osborne Pastor Brendan J. Fox

Response: God in your mercy...
Hear our prayer

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.

Invitation to Holy Week Reverend Amy B. Gregory

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 (Verses 1,3,4)* TFWS #2137

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley (verse 1)* TFWS #2112

Postlude *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* American Folk Hymn

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service
hosted by The Church Council

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday
9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship
10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship with Sunday School
11:45AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday, April 3	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
6:30 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, April 4	
7:00 PM	Scouts
Wednesday, April 5	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
6:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Savvy Ally/Knight Hall
Thursday, April 6	
9:15 AM	Seekers
10:30 AM	BH-BL Book Club
6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service/Knight Hall
Friday, April 7	
7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday
9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship
10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Worship

To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at www.nybhumc.com**. The calendar is constantly updated. To add something your group would like to share, please fill out a Calendar Request Form located in the Main Office or email us at burnthillsumc@gmail.com.

Announcements

- **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.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** today at 11:45. Rain or Shine! Please join us!
- **Maundy Thursday Potluck dinner on April 6 at 6:30 pm in Knight Hall.** Please sign up outside of Knight Hall so we know how many people to expect. Please come even if you are not able to prepare a dish.
- Join us Wednesday for the last session of **The Savvy Ally: A Guide For Becoming A Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate.** You are welcome!

Come Join Us This Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY — Thursday, April 6th

6:30pm Potluck dinner and Informal service in Knight Hall with Holy Communion remembering The Last Supper. Please come with a dish to share or just bring yourself. There's always more than enough food to go around!

GOOD FRIDAY — Friday, April 7th

7:00pm Contemplative Service remembering Jesus' last hours.

EASTER SUNDAY — Sunday, April 9th

9:00am Easter Worship: Celebration of the Resurrection and New Life. Special music with brass trio.

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Easter Offering 2023

This year's Easter Offering continues our tradition to give it all away for the benefit of others in our community and beyond. We will share the offering with these four groups or agencies.

For more than 100 years Red Bird Missions has been helping the people of the Appalachian mountain area. The Mission has a K-12 Christian school, dental and medical clinics, job training, parenting classes, senior citizen programs, kids sports teams, food distribution, day care and many other programs.

The new Chacocente Scholars' Program; For years we made donations to Project Chacocente, helping people who lived in the Managua City Dump (Nicaragua) relocate to a community built on nearby farmland. Farming techniques were taught, buildings constructed and a school was created. Two years ago the Nicaraguan government took over the community school, equipment, farmland and well, and we could no longer donate money to the Chacocente community. The school has recently reopened under government control. A new program has been created by people who formerly worked with the Chacocente community to support scholars directly. By donating to this new program, we can provide children with school supplies, uniforms, shoes, school registration and tuition fees, and transportation. Adult scholars can receive funds to cover vocational training or college tuition and supplies. With this new program, we can continue to help these people who are trying to improve their lives.

The Guardian House, shelter for homeless women veterans, is planning to expand their facility by building two duplexes on their property for housing homeless women veterans and their children. Our church has agreed to work with the Presbyterian New England Church of Saratoga to raise money and help build a playground for the children living there.

Local food pantries including Schenectady Community Ministries and Life Works Community Action in Ballston Spa.

Thank you for your kind and generous hearts.

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Palm Sunday April 2, 2023



King of Kings, Kimiyoshi Endo, Japan

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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