

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

***April 7, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Second Sunday of Easter***

**Prelude** *Here I Am to Worship* Hughes

**Words of Welcome** Kristen Reck

**\*Call to Worship** by Maren C. Tirabassi

Unlock your hearts—God wants to come in.  
**Open your lives—God needs a home.**  
 Swing wide all the doors—God’s children need shelter.  
**Easter rolls the stone—and nothing can be shut anymore!**

**\*Hymn** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH #304

**Prayer** by Mindy Welton-Mitchell Beth McLaughlin

**God of Resurrection, help us to acknowledge the signs of new life all around us. Help us to find hope and joy and gratitude. These are signs that encourage us on the journey of faith. Open our vision to take notice of all the good things You are doing in the world and in our lives. Open our hearts to a deeper understanding of Your grace and peace. For Your love is written not only in the words of Scripture, but in the sap rising in the trees, the green blades of grass, the turning of seasons, the calm after the storm, the lofty clouds and blue skies and the rain. We give thanks to You, Risen One, in all the signs of life. Amen.**

**Anthem** *A Work of Love* Skaggs  
 Kim Locker, Harmon Tunison, Peter Van Keuren

**Scripture Reading** John 20: 19-31

**Message** Karyn McCloskey

**Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs.1,3,4)* UMH #420

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, our Tithes and our Pledges**  
 April Hicks

**Offertory** *You Are My King* Foote Shelby Bryson

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication** April Hicks

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** Karyn McCloskey

**Prayer Song** *We Are The Body of Christ* Brown/Hampton

**Pastoral Prayer** Karyn McCloskey

**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.**

**\*Hymn** *Christ has Risen* TFWS #2115

**\*Benediction** Karyn McCloskey

**Postlude** *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Kirkpatrick

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship
3:00 PM	Scouts/KH
3:30 PM	Scouts
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	
	No Earlybirds
12:00 PM	BH-BL Women’s Luncheon
5:30 PM	Scouts/KH
6:30 PM	Scouts
6:45 PM	Scouts
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	
9:30 PM	Tuesday Connections
6:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Scouts
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 PM	Explorers
6:00 PM	Scouts
6:30 PM	Scouts/KH
7:00 PM	AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Table Talk/Pizzaworks
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers/KH
5:00 PM	Playgroup/Classroom
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 14 Camp Sunday</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Soup Kitchen
12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
3:30 PM	Scouts

**Prayers Needed?**

We will be collecting prayer cards during the offering.  
 If you would like your prayer request forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.

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

## 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.
- 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

- This year, our **Easter Offering** will be given to UMCOR. **Easter Sunday and UMCOR Sunday are both in March.** This year we are taking one offering—our Easter Offering—and designating it for UMCOR. For any who are moved to **make a donation to the Easter Offering you may send a check to the church office, use one of the special offering envelopes in the pews, please mark all checks "Easter Offering" in the memo line or you may give electronically through our Vanco.** We will be receiving gifts through the end of April for this offering.
- **Native American Ministries Sunday UM Church-wide special offering.** An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities. The offering allows The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. **We will collect for this special offering in April. You may give online through Vanco too. Be sure to mark your offering "NAMS".**
- **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. On the 15th we finish up our current book and the 22nd begins the new book. Join us as often as you are able for coffee, snacks, a video and a lively discussion!
- **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.** Be on the watch for a bulletin board in our Church that will provide more information.
- **April 21 is Earth Sunday/ Native American Ministries Sunday.** Join us for worship and a special mini Earth Day Fair and Seed Swap after second worship in Knight Hall.

### Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*  
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**April 7, 2024**



### 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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