

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

February 4, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude *Of The Father's Love Begotten*
11th century Sanctus trope

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

God of ordinary days,
We come today with all the joys and sorrows that make a life.
Christ who lived in times of trouble,
We come today in our own troubling times, times of war, poverty, brokenness, division, and anger.
Spirit of Grace,
Come to us we pray, help us to hear your word, to learn your ways, to remember whose we are.
We are grateful for all you have given us and pray that we may more closely follow your words and ways.
Praise be to God, for life, for love, for God's faithfulness!

***Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH #89

Opening Prayer

Loving God, there are so many voices calling for our attention, we get distracted from your voice and forget what you have called us to do. We forget that your voice alone should be the touchstone against which every other message is measured. In you we have an abundance that the world cannot give – of abiding love poured out for us and for all your children, deep joy in knowing that you are with us in everything we do and experience, and peace as we rest in you and your righteous word. Help us, O Lord, to remember, to take comfort in your ways, and to spread those ways to all in our lives. May we love because we are so loved, and in loving to bring peace and joy to our world. We ask in the name of Jesus, your son, Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Loving God, we thank you that you are as close to us as breath, that your love is constant and unfailing. We thank you for all that sustains life, and especially for Jesus Christ, who teaches us how to live out an ethic of justice and peace, and for the promise of transformation made manifest in his life, death and resurrection. You have blessed this bread and this cup.

Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all creation. 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.

(All are invited to come forward for Communion by intinction: bread dipped in grape juice. A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table. Please let an usher know if you'd like to receive communion seated in your pew.)

Music During Communion *Here is Bread, Here is Wine* Kendrick

Prayer after Receiving

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

Song *Jesus Loves Me, verse 1* UMH #191

A Time for Young Disciples

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Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20

Message "Who We Follow" Michele Cole, CLM

Hymn of Response *Here I am, Lord (vs. 1,2)* UMH #593

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

Offertory *Great Is The Lord* Smith/Smith

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns 10:30am Adel Fredenburg

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

Prayer Song *Still* Morgan

Pastoral Prayer

Morning Prayer

***Hymn** *O Young and Fearless Prophet (vs. 1,3,5)* UMH #444

***Benediction** Michele Cole, CLM

Postlude *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee* Smith

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by **SPRC**

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

- **The Women's Retreat** is April 19-20, at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY. Space is limited—register soon. Scholarships available. See Pastor Amy.
- **Shelters of Saratoga** is in desperate **need of winter coats for both men and women.** Please donate new or gently used coats for both men and women. Collection box in narthex.
- **What do you do when Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day?** Do it Tuesday with a free Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Mark your calendar, **Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30-6:30pm.** Pancakes, sausage (vegetarian too) and real maple syrup. Bring a non-perishable food pantry item, if you can. Ash station: get your ashes after your pancakes or do take out with "Ashes to Go". Sign up sheets for volunteers outside Knight Hall.

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"Blessing Cross" by Jan Richardson

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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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4

9:00 AM Worship with Communion
9:45 AM Youth Choir
10:30 AM Worship with Communion
11:30 AM Voices of Hope Choir
12:00 PM Communion Class/Fireside
3:30 PM Scouts/classroom

Monday, February 5

9:30 AM **No Earlybirds**
5:30 PM Scouts/KH
6:00 PM Scouts/Classroom
6:30 PM Scouts/Classroom
6:45 PM Scouts/Classroom

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 PM Scouts/Classroom
7:00 PM Scouts/KH

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 AM Fix-its
9:30 AM Explorers
7:00 PM AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM Table Talk/Pizza Works

Thursday, February 8

9:15 AM Seekers
10:30 AM BH-BL Women's Club/Fireside
5:00 PM Cathy B/Classroom
6:30 PM Scouts/Classroom
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 9

5:00 PM Scouts /KH

Saturday, February 10

11:00 AM Scouts/KH

Sunday, February 11

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Voices of Hope Choir
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM Communion Class/Fireside
3:00 PM Scouts/KH
3:30 PM Scouts/classroom