

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

**January 21, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Prelude** *In The Bleak Midwinter* Holst, arr. VanKeuren

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Mission Moment** Women’s Retreat, April 19-20 Beth McLaughlin

**\*Call to Worship** from “The Abingdon Worship Annual”  
edited by M.J. Scifres and B.J. Beu

Praise the God of all Creation.  
**Worship the One who calls us—  
speaking with a different voice,  
offering an unexpected invitation.**  
Celebrate the presence of our loving God.  
**Rejoice, the realm of God is near.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH #577

**Gathering Prayer** by Ana Gobledale, Zambia

**God, we gather in this place  
Home for our souls.  
Here we sense our true selves  
Renewed in wholeness;  
Scattered, now gathered in.  
Fragments re-united, re-connected  
Standing on solid ground  
Upheld by faith  
Renewed by love  
We open ourselves to you.  
Amen.**

**Anthem** *Pie Jesu* “From Requiem” A. L. Webber  
Kristen Reck, alto Shelby Bryson, soprano

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

**A Time for Young Disciples**

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

**Hymn of Preparation** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (vs. 1&3)*  
UMH #344

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1: 14-20

**Message** “Recruiting a Miracle” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Song** *Shelter* by Barrett, Carnes Mike Zygo, soloist

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

**Offertory** Winter de la Mare/Giamanco, arr. Beck

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**  
Blessing of Prayer Blankets

**Prayer Song** *Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land* Thornburg/Damon

**Pastoral Prayer** “A Hard, Deep Call to Obedience” by Walter Brueggemann

**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.**

**\*Sending Hymn** *The Summons (vs. 1,4,5)* TFWS #2130

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude** *Two Fishermen* Toolan

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service  
hosted by The Women’s Retreat.

**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

<b>WEEKLY CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Soup Kitchen
3:30 PM	Scouts/classroom
4:00 PM	Dinner & Game Night
<b>Monday, January 22</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
10:00 AM	Serve lunch at Soup Kitchen
2:00 PM	Special K/Fireside
5:30 PM	Scouts/KH
6:00 PM	Scouts/Classroom
6:30 PM	Scouts/Classroom
6:45 PM	Scouts/Classroom
7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting/Fireside
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	
7:00 PM	Scouts/KH
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
5:30 PM	Saratoga Voices/Assembly Room
7:00 PM	AA/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Pub Theology/Pizza Works
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers
6:00 PM	Scouts/Classroom
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	
10:00 AM	Preschool Open House
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir
12:00 PM	Shelters of Saratoga/KH
12:00 PM	Communion Class/Fireside
3:00 PM	Scouts/KH
3:30 PM	Scouts/classroom

## 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 flowers on the altar this morning are given by Mark and Bettyan Rinefiere in memory of their parents, **Robert and Alice Rinefiere and Floyd and Virginia Bullis.**
- Learn more about **The Women's Retreat April 19-20** at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY at Coffee Hour. Scholarships available.. See Pastor Amy.
- **Today: Soup Kitchen prep** after worship at 11:30am in the kitchen. Help chop veggies for soup and make sandwiches.
- **Today at 4:00 pm: Dinner and Game Night in Knight Hall.** Please bring a dish to share. Please call or text any questions to Katharine at 518-536-0216.
- The trustees will meet on **Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm** in Knight Hall.
- **January 28: Learn about the work of Shelters of Saratoga.** Guest speaker is Heather Oligny, a member of the development staff at the shelter. Hosted by SJAG/ Social Justice Action Group. **Noon in Knight Hall, after coffee hour.**
- **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.
- **Preschool Open House:** Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- **Thank you for bringing in your nativities** to help us decorate for the Christmas season. They are available for you to take home.



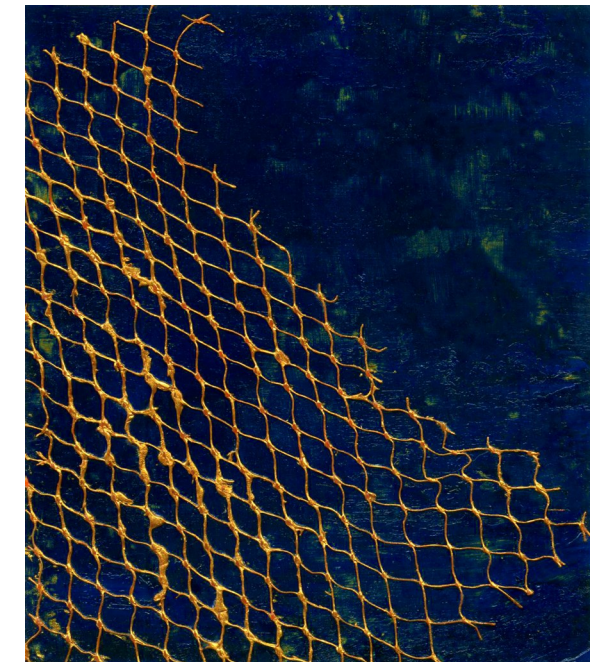
### Our Ministry Today

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**"Casting" 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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