

***We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.***  
***July 23, 2023 9:30 AM Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Prelude** *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* Converse

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

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 86:11-13, 15-16) by Mindi Welton-Mitchell  
 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**Give me an undivided heart to revere Your name.**  
 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**and I will glorify your name forever.**  
 For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
**You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**  
 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
**Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**  
 Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
**Give strength to us all, Your servants.**  
 In this time of worship,  
**May we come before You with our whole heart open to Your will.**

**\*Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH #121

**Affirmation Prayer** from Iona Abbey Worship book  
 With the whole church  
**We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**  
 With people everywhere  
**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply that all that is wrong.**  
 With all creation  
**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**  
**Amen.**

**Anthem** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Wolfe

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

**Young Disciples Time**

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**Scripture Reading** Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

**Message** "Seeds and Weeds" Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Response Song** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea (vs. 1,3,4,5,6)* UMH #357

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

**\*Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks**

**Offertory** *Spirit of God* Garnaas-Holmes

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Touch the Earth Lightly* Lim

**Pastoral 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.*

**\*Hymn** *You Are the Seed (vs. 1 & 3)* UMH #583

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Shout to the North* Smith

Please join us for Punch on the Patio, after the service, hosted by the Seekers Study Group.

**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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	
9:30 AM	Worship with Punch on the Patio
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-it's
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Social Justice Action Group
<b>Thursday, July 27</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers (No seekers August 3)
<b>Friday, July 28</b>	
1:00-5:00 PM	VBS Decorating
6:00-7:30 PM	VBS Volunteer Meeting
<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	
9:00-12:00 PM	VBS Decorating
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	
8:45 AM	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Worship with Punch on the Patio

Vacation Bible School—Monday, July 31-Thursday, August 3 9:00-12:00 PM

**Pastor Brendan will be away** on an unpaid leave to work at our **United Methodist camp, Sky Lake this summer.** Please pray for our United Methodist camping ministry this summer—leaders, volunteers and campers alike!

*If you have a notice you'd like to put in the weekly bulletin, please email the church office by Wednesday to ensure inclusion. Anything received after Thursday will be put in the following week.*

## 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.
- Summer church office hours: Monday-Thursday between 10:00-12:00.
- **Summer Choir will be singing on the last Sundays of each summer month: July 30 and August 27.** If you're interested in singing, **show up in the loft at 8:45** and we'll practice music for that morning's worship service, very simple pieces familiar to everyone.
- **Sunday School** is on break until September, we'll see you then! There will **not** be youth programming during church services this summer, however of course feel free to come to church and stay for the service, young friends! There will be a Young Disciples Time most weeks and activity bags are available to use during the service. **Children are always welcome in worship!**
- The **Nursery will be open for your use this summer but not staffed.** A changing table is in the bathroom near the sanctuary. An usher can point it out to you.

### Save the date:

- **On Sunday, July 30th at 1:30 pm**, Faith UMC, 811 N. Brandywine Ave in Schenectady, invites you to come and hear **Ellie Hall**, who serves as a **missionary for Wycliffe Bible Translators in northern Thailand**. Ellie will be sharing her experiences developing an alphabet for the MS people and translating the Bible for them to read. Everyone is invited to attend to hear Ellie.
- **Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church will host a Take-Out Ziti Dinner Wednesday, August 2, 4:30-6:30pm, \$15 per dinner.** The church is located at 768 Charlton Rd. **Tickets available at Mail 'n' More** in Burnt Hills and also sold on the day of the dinner at the church. The net proceeds will go to support our Local Veterans!
- **The Lords' Acre Fair is September 8 and 9!** Donations accepted after August 21st, please.
- **Confirmation classes are forming now for the fall.** Students entering **8th grade and above** are welcome. We will **need 2 leaders** as well as **mentors** to pair up with the youth. Please contact Cathy Bryson, [catbryson@aol.com](mailto:catbryson@aol.com), or Robyn in the office to sign up.

### Our Ministry Today

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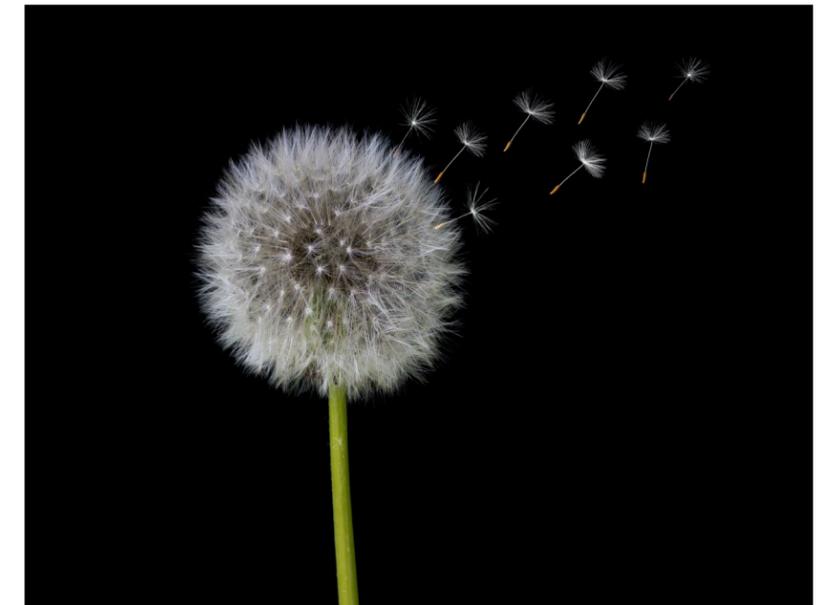
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### BHUMC Welcome Statement

*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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