

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
June 18, 2023 9:30 AM Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Arise, Your Light Has Come* Walter

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we belong to God;

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140

Prayer for Father's Day by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Abba God, we come to You on this day knowing that it may be a difficult day, for those who are missing their fathers and for those who have difficult relationships, for those who are estranged and for those who never knew their fathers. We thank You for those fathers who demonstrate Your love, and for stepdads, uncles, coaches, grandpas, teachers and neighbors. We thank You that we know Your love like a father to Jesus Christ, who called You "Abba." Abba God, may we know Your love surpasses our human understanding and that You are beyond gender, but You love us, Your children, far beyond what we can comprehend or imagine. Abba God, may we draw closer to You, to abide in You as Jesus abides in us, and it is in Your Son's name that we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land* Thornburg/Damon

Presentation of Scholarships Lynn Christie,
Chair, Memorial Committee

Siri Adams

Ashley Bikowicz

Peyton Felix

Jackson Frame

Ashley Hyde

Mikayla Ormsby

Song *Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)* UMH #191
Children (and their people) are invited to come forward to the first pew for Young Disciple Time during this song.

Young Disciples Time

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Scripture Genesis 18: 1-15; 21: 1-7

Message "Sarah Laughs" Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Response Song *Hymn of Promise* UMH #707

Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* African-American Spiritual

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Loving Spirit* Copes

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Brendan J. Fox

***Hymn** *Standing on the Promises (vs. 1,2,4)* UMH #374

***Benediction**

Postlude *Amen, siakudumisa (Amen, We Praise Your Name)* Molefe

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, June 18	Father's Day
9:30 AM	Worship
4:00 PM	Scouts ceremony/Knight Hall
Monday, June 19	
6:30 PM	Scouts Ceremony/Knight Hall
7:00 PM	Church Council/ Zoom only
Tuesday, June 20	
7:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, June 21	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works
Thursday, June 22	
9:15 AM	Seekers
Friday, June 23	
12:00 PM	Lunch Bunch at The Ripe Tomato
Sunday, June 25	
8:45 AM	Choir Practice
9:30 AM	Worship, Pastor Brendan Fox preaching
2:00 PM	Pride Festival in Saratoga

Pastor Brendan will be away on an unpaid leave to work at our **United Methodist camp, Sky Lake this summer.** Until campers arrive, **he will be commuting back to lead worship with us through July 2.** Please pray for our United Methodist camping ministry this summer—leaders, volunteers and campers alike!

Pastor Amy will be away for continuing education and to attend the 75th anniversary conference of the CG Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, **through July 8.** Pastor Brendan will be on call (203-947-4797) in the event of a pastoral emergency.

Please join us for Punch on the Patio, after the service, hosted by Chris Nyhan from the Endowment Committee.

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

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.
- The flag hangs in gratitude to the United States of America that grants us freedom of religious practice and expression.
- The **Social Justice Action Group (SJAG)** is organizing our participation in the **Saratoga Pride festival on Sunday, June 25**. Please see the sign up sheet for tabling this event outside Knight Hall. For more information please see Shelby Bryson, Orion Marchese or Scott Bryson or call 516-512-1265.
- **Next Steps** is creating a bookshelf **dedicated to gender diversity and other related topics**. Look for 2 shelves outside of Knight Hall. Please feel free to donate and borrow.
- Beginning July 1, the church office will be open Monday-Thursday between 10:00-12:00.
- **Vacation Bible School** is being planned to occur **at our own BHUMC this July 31st to August 3rd!!!!** However, we can't do it without volunteers -- whether you're interested in helping to plan/coordinate **before the big week** or if you're available to work **during the week of VBS**, we have things that could be done in both that are equally as important. **Please contact Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais (jafstgelais@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you'd like to help plan/coordinate our VBS endeavor, as we are currently working on it all and can't do it without you!** Information about volunteering during the week of VBS will be coming soon!
- **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:

- **Concerned for the Hungry Golf Tournament on Monday, June 26 at the Schenectady Municipal Golf Course.** Cost is **\$125.00 per person**. To sign up contact Joe Battaglia at jobattaglia2023@gmail.com or Larry Lewis at larrylewisnotge@gmail.com.
- **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, or Robyn in the office to sign up.
- **The Lords' Acre Fair is September 8 and 9!** Donations accepted after August 21st, please.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*
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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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