

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

***March 12, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM***

**Lent-Week 3 Kinship: Belonging in a World of Relations: Partners**

**Prelude** *Come, All of You* Thai folksong

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** Adapted from Psalm 95

O come, all of creation! Let us sing to the Lord;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the fount of our salvation!**  
 Let us come into God’s presence with a spirit of thanksgiving;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**  
 O come, let us worship our God together;  
**Let us make a joyful noise! Let us sing out the story of our faith!**

**\*Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH #156

**Congregational Prayer** by Rev. Karla Miller

**Holy Watering One, dear Fount of Every Blessing, we come to you this morning, opening our parched places to receive the springs of living water You offer to us. Most of the time, most of us don’t even know we are thirsty. We don’t know the deep dehydration that scours our bones and parches our hearts. Sometimes, when our thirst pangs emerge, We draw from the enticing wells of the world’s offering of power and profit, which leave us even more empty.**

**Still us, God, so we might listen to You speaking to us—knowing us, seeing us, loving us. Fill us with your Living Water that will transform our spirits and souls into springs that burst forth with life and love for your people, for ourselves, and for our world. Amen.**

**Anthem** 9:00 am *O How He Loves You And Me* Kaiser  
 10:30 am *Cry of My Heart* by Terry Butler Voices of Hope Choir

**Song** *Jesus Loves Me vs. 1* UMH #191

**Young Disciples Time**

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**Reading** “Boy I” by Heather Swan Insert

**Choral Response** *Bless the Lord* TFWS #2013

**Scripture Reading** John 4:5-42

**Message** “Stories, stories, stories...” Pastor Brendan J. Fox

**\*Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* UMH #369

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

**Offertory** 9:00 am *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* French carol  
 10:30 am *O, How He Loves You and Me* Kaiser

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Give Thanks* TFWS #2036

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Something Beautiful* Gaither/Gaither

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Amy B. Gregory

**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** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH #133

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Peace of Our Praying* Bolin

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
4:00 PM	Scouts
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
12:00 PM	BH-BL Women’s Club Luncheon
6:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Church Council/Knight Hall
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	
9:30 AM	Tuesday Connections
7:00 PM	Scouts
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
5:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Pub Theology/Pizza Works
7:00 PM	Savvy Ally/Knight Hall
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers
6:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
11:30 AM	Prepare Meal for Salvation Army

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by The Grow Team

To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at [www.nybhmc.com](http://www.nybhmc.com)**. The calendar is constantly updated. To add something your group would like to share, please fill out a Calendar Request Form located in the Main Office or email us at [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com).

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

## Announcements

- The flowers on the altar today were given by **Nancy Bianco** in memory of **Edward J. Bianco**.
- Would you like to **read during worship in Lent**? A signup sheet is on the board outside of Knight Hall or please contact the office.
- The **Next Steps Team** is excited to have a book study facilitated by Lisa Puckey on the book, **The Savvy Ally: A Guide For Becoming A Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate**. It will be **March 15,22,29 and April 5 from 7-8:30 pm**. Offered in-person, virtually or both! Copies available through BHUMC or purchase your own.
- Burnt Hills UMC will be sponsoring a **blood drive** on **Friday, March 31 from 12:00-5:00 PM** in Knight Hall. Please sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code BURNTHILLSUMC or call 1-800-RED CROSS.
- In Lent this year we will ask ourselves, how do we experience **“belonging in a world of relations?”** Each Sunday in Lent we will reflect on the ways we relate to **Planet, Place, Partners, Persons, Practice, and Palms** and how our faith both shapes, and is shaped by these relationships. This theme is inspired by the poetry, essays, and writings of the **Kinship series**, a five volume collection published by the Center for Humans & Nature.
- This Lent we are **looking at our spiritual journey as an image—in a sandbox**. You are **invited to bring something small to add to the box as we depict our Lenten journey in the sand**. Perhaps it is something from nature that you’ve picked up on a walk or hike. Perhaps it is something you’ve made. Maybe it is an object that has significance for you in your faith. There are pieces of terra cotta clay that air harden in a few days if you’d like to make something for the box. There are some objects to choose from available every week too. See if something there moves you to add it to our box. **Bring something once—or every week or not at all**. Touch the sand, play with it or take a curious peek at what is being created. **All ages** are welcome to participate. **It’s all ok!** Let’s take the time to play, be creative and to contemplate important points on our path **using our Lenten sandbox as a tool for contemplation**.



## Ways to Give

- Give to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria through **UMCOR/ United Methodist Committee on Relief**. 100% of your gift goes toward relief efforts. Please make checks out to **BHUMC** and **mark your donations as "earthquake relief"** or give online through our website, [www.nybhunc.com](http://www.nybhunc.com).

### Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*  
Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*  
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*  
Custodian: *Nick Adami*  
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*  
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*  
Financial Secretary: *Sue Zoller*  
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*  
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*  
Preschool Teachers: *Stephanie Tope & Angela Barclay*  
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

### 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.

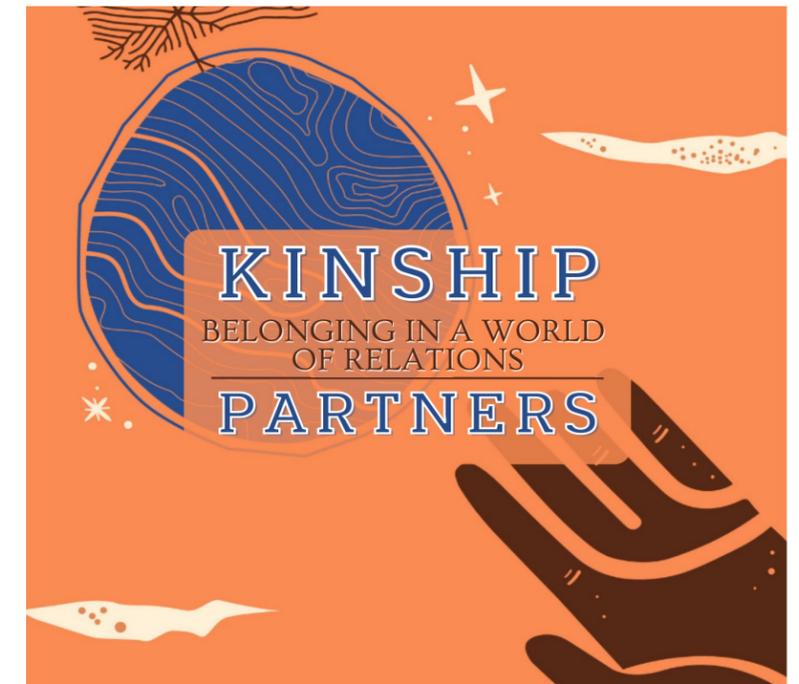
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**Are you on the church email list?** Is your email current? **Weekly emails highlight the activities around the church and information about Sunday worship**, including the livestream link. Please contact the office: [burnthillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com)



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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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