

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
March 15, 2026 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* American folk hymn

Words of Welcome Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Call to Worship** by Rev Jonathan C Fleming, Church of Scotland

We draw near to a loving God,
 who meets us not as we imagine we should be,
 but rather as we are.

**We draw near to God who call us
 from shadow into light,
 and certainty into wonder.**

We draw near to God
 asking that our eyes may be opened,
 and our seeing shaped by grace.

***Hymn** *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee vs. 1, 3, 4, 5* UMH #263

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola-Schonewolf
 (drawn from *Open Unto Me*, a prayer by Howard Thurman)

**Open unto us, hope for our despair.
 Open unto us, dreams for our dread.
 Open unto us, courage for our fear.
 Open unto us, vision for our skepticism.
 Open unto us, wisdom for our confusion.
 Open unto us, love for our hates.
 Open unto us, Your heart for our hearts.
 O God, our God, open unto us. Amen.**

Anthem *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*
 Les Petites Souers de Jésus (Little Sisters of Jesus)

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

Young Disciples Time
*Young friends, preschool through high school age are invited to Sunday
 School! Follow the crowd :)*

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

Scripture Reading John 9: 1-41

Message Pastor Amy

Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

**You are invited to stand, in body or in spirit.*

Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes and Our Thanks
 Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday

Offertory *Do You Remember The Time?* Grant/Gill/Thomas

***Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God, above ye heavenly hosts;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastor Ian

Prayer Song *God is Good, All the Time* McIntyre

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom
 come, Thy will be do ne 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** *Amazing Grace vs. 1-3, 6* UMH #378

***Benediction** *O Christ the Healer* German melody

Postlude

Thank you to our worship leaders today:

Ushers, March 15

9:00 am Libby Horn
 10:30 am Holly & John Rogers

Next week, March 22

Mary Polikoski
 Linda Faulkner/
 Rhody Streeter

Balcony Tech

Pete Farrell Steve Skibinski

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15 4th Sunday in Lent
 9:00 AM Worship
 9:45 AM Youth Choir
 10:30 AM Worship
 11:30 AM Voices of Hope Choir

Monday, March 16
 9:30 AM Earlybirds/Fireside Room
 10:00 AM Serve Lunch/Salvation Army
 7:00 PM Ad Council Meeting/Zoom Only

Tuesday, March 17
 10:00 AM Meditation/Sparkle Room
 1:00 PM BH-BL Women's Club Book Club/Fireside
 5:30 PM Youth Group at Shen UMC
 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting/Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 18
 8:30 AM Fixits
 9:30 AM Explorers/Fireside Room
 6:00 PM Lenten Program/Knight Hall
 7:00 PM AA meeting/Fireside Room
 7:00 PM Queer Holy Club/Pizza Works

Thursday, March 19
 9:15 AM Seekers Book Study/Knight Hall
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Loft

Sunday, March 22 5th Sunday in Lent
 9:00 AM Worship
 9:45 AM Youth Choir
 10:30 AM Worship
 11:30 AM Voices of Hope Choir
 2:00 PM Daniel Huh Concert/Sanctuary

*To find out the latest event information, you can check the
Events Calendar on our website at www.nybhumc.com,
 which is continually updated. To add something your group
 would like to share, or if you have a meeting change or
 cancellation, please email us at burnthillsumc@gmail.com.*

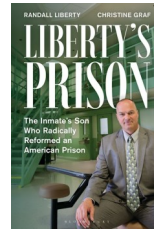
Welcome

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.

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Announcements

- **EAT, PRAY, LOVE Lenten program is being offered Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, in Knight Hall during March.** Join us for a time to gather for food, contemplation, and sharing love with our hurting world. **All ages are welcome! Come as you are able, no signup needed.**
- **Soup Kitchen for March** — Join us in **making soup today** and/or come serve with us at the **Salvation Army tomorrow.** **Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board near Knight Hall.**
- **Ad Council Meeting this month is ONLINE ONLY, Monday, March 16 at 7pm.** All are welcome. Contact Apil Hicks, or the office, if you'd like to attend and need the link.
- **Literary Expression & Social Justice In Action: Liberty's Prison.** Book signing and opportunity to meet local Co-author, **Chris Graf, Friday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 pm.** Chris, a BHUMC member, will share her inspiration for this recently released book, sign books, and answer questions. This book tells Randy Liberty's story, how he was able to break free from generational incarceration and poverty to achieve redemption and a life filled with purpose by forging a radical shift from traditional models of incarceration, which focuses on rehabilitation, redemption, de-stigmatization, and humanization.
- **Today is UMCOR SUNDAY.** The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs, which allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to **humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need.** These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable. **Please use the special envelope found in the pews this month.**
- **We are collecting wrapped candy through March 22nd to fill eggs for BHUMC's Community Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th.** Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex or to the office. Thank you!



- **Piano Concert by Daniel Huh on March 22!** Daniel, a senior at Skidmore and former youth choir accompanist, is giving a **free classical piano concert** at our church on **Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.** **Everyone is warmly invited! A free will offering for Encore! Community Musical Theatre Camp is gratefully accepted.**

Daniel Huh began studying piano at the age of six and currently studies with Dr. Kim as a Filene Music Scholar at Skidmore College. Daniel is a two-time alternate of the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Concerto Competition and the winner of the Skidmore College Concerto Competition.

The repertoire he's playing next Sunday is as follows:

1. Bach: Partita BWV 826 in C Minor - I. Sinfonia
2. Haydn: Sonata in A Major Hob. XVI:26
3. Ravel: Jeux d'eau
4. Chopin Ballade No.4 in F Minor, Op.52
5. Kapustin Concert Etudes Op.40 No.2- Reverie and No.1-Prelude
6. Brahms Intermezzo Op. 118 No.2

- **2026 Easter Offering:** This year's Easter Offering will support **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in its efforts to give aid during domestic disasters. This year's flooding and hurricane season have caused widespread damage. With the changing weather patterns there is sure to be more calls for help.

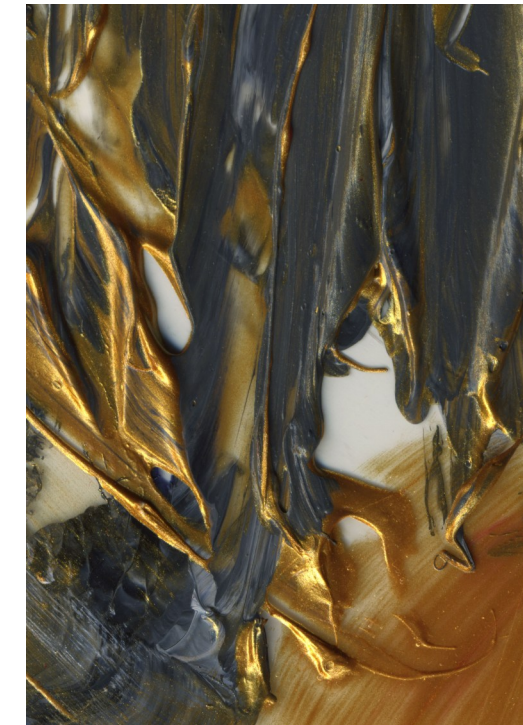
Our other Easter Offering emphasizes food insecurity. The **Regional Food Bank and food pantries** in Galway, Lifeworks Community Action in Ballston Spa and the **Sycamore connective, formerly SICM,** will receive monetary donations. A new organization we are supporting is **Raindrops Closet for Homeless Families.** We have helped them in the past with goods and financial aid from LAF. In 2026, we would like to directly support their food program. We are thankful for your continued support of our own food pantry. Thank you also for giving to the Easter Offering. Your generosity helps **so many people.**

Please use the Easter Offering envelopes found in the pews or give online and choose "Easter Offering".

- **Our food pantry is in need of the following items this week:** cereal, shelf stable milk, mayonnaise, mustard, pasta, peanut butter



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Mysteries of the Mud @ Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com

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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