

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

**March 26, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Lent-Week 5 Kinship: Belonging in a World of Relations: Practice**

**Prelude** *A Place in the Woods* Peter Van Keuren

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Christ is the Resurrection and the Life,  
**Even though we die, we believe, and we have life.**  
 Death will not have the final word,  
**For Christ has shown us the way of life eternal.**  
 For truly as we have cared for the least among us,  
**We have cared for and loved Christ himself.**  
 We enter this time of worship together,  
**Living in the way, the truth, and the life of Christ Jesus.**

**\*Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

**Prayer of Confession** by Mindi Welton-Mitchell

**Son of Humanity, You wept when Mary wept for the death of her brother. You grieved when Your friend Lazarus died. You cared for Simon’s mother-in-law when she was sick. You know our hearts and our bodies all so well because You lived our lives. Call us to have compassion on ourselves and to seek the care we need—therapists, physicians, teachers, coaches, social workers, and pastors. Restore our hearts and minds and bodies so that we might care for one another’s needs. Help us to be gentle with our souls, Loving One, as We share in the work of caring for each other and meeting the needs of those around us. Guide us, Holy Spirit, to care for ourselves and for one another, for all the least among us, as You care for us. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

**Anthem** *If Not For The Storms* Harris

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

**Young Disciples Time** Pastor Brendan J. Fox

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

**Reading** “After” by Heather Swan Insert

**Choral Response** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verse 1)* UMH #420

**Scripture Reading** John 11: 1-45

**Choral Response** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verse 4)* UMH #420

**Message** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Hymn** *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS #2197

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

**Offertory** *Everytime I Look To The Mountain* Peter Van Keuren

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Brendan J. Fox

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Hear My Prayer, O God* Hopson

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Brendan J. Fox

**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** *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Somebody’s Knockin’ At Your Door* Spiritual

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, March 26</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 27</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
2:00 PM	Special K/Knight Hall
6:30 PM	Scouts
<b>Tuesday, March 28</b>	
6:30 PM	SPR Meeting
7:00 PM	Scouts
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
5:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Savvy Ally/Knight Hall
<b>Thursday, March 30</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, March 31</b>	
12:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	
8:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast
10:30 AM	Caregiver Support Meeting
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	
	Palm Sunday
9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship with Sunday School
11:45AM	Easter Egg Hunt
4:00 PM	Scouts


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

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

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).

## Easter Offering 2023

## 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.
- We will be having an **Easter Egg Hunt** on **April 2 at 11:45**. Rain or Shine! Please join us and invite friends!
- **Maundy Thursday Potluck dinner** on **April 6 at 6:30 pm in Knight Hall**. Please sign up outside of Knight Hall so we know how many people to expect. Please come even if you are not able to prepare a dish.
- Join us Wednesdays for **The Savvy Ally: A Guide For Becoming A Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate** through **April 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm**. Offered in-person, virtually or both! You are welcome any Wednesday.
- 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. 
- 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. **Bring something once—or every week or not at all**. All ages are welcome to participate. 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.nybhmc.com](http://www.nybhmc.com). We will collect through March.

This year's **Easter Offering** continues our tradition to give it all away for the benefit of others in our community and beyond. We will share the offering with these four groups or agencies.

For more than 100 years **Red Bird Missions** has been helping the people of the Appalachian mountain area. The Mission has a K-12 Christian school, dental and medical clinics, job training, parenting classes, senior citizen programs, kids sports teams, food distribution, day care and many other programs.

The new **Chacocente Scholars' Program**; For years we made donations to Project Chacocente, helping people who lived in the Managua City Dump (Nicaragua) relocate to a community built on nearby farmland. Farming techniques were taught, buildings constructed and a school was created. Two years ago the Nicaraguan government took over the community school, equipment, farmland and well, and we could no longer donate money to the Chacocente community. The school has recently reopened under government control. A new program has been created by people who formerly worked with the Chacocente community to support scholars directly. By donating to this new program, we can provide children with school supplies, uniforms, shoes, school registration and tuition fees, and transportation. Adult scholars can receive funds to cover vocational training or college tuition and supplies. With this new program, we can continue to help these people who are trying to improve their lives.

**The Guardian House**, shelter for homeless women veterans, is planning to expand their facility by building two duplexes on their property for housing homeless women veterans and their children. Our church has agreed to work with the Presbyterian New England Church of Saratoga to raise money and help build a playground for the children living there.

Local food pantries including **Schenectady Community Ministries and Life Works Community Action** in Ballston Spa.

Thank you for your kind and generous hearts.

The Outreach Commission

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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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