

March 29, 2026

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Palm Sunday

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Amy

Prelude Hosanna Strathdee Pete VanKeuren

Words of Welcome Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola-Schonewolf

*Call to Worship

Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out.

Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and who gives courage to face the path of faith.

Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

*Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH #278

Prayer by Carole Penner

We have come to meet you today, Jesus.

We don't know quite what to expect.

We think we know what we need,

how you can meet our needs.

But we come humbly, laying our coats before you.

It's your call.

Reveal to us who you are,

how you can be a Saviour in our lives,

a Saviour in our world today.

Come Lord Jesus!

Anthem 9:00 Day to Sing Hosanna Choplin Jill Zygo, Director Chancel Choir
10:30 Here He Comes Blumenthal
Voices of Hope Choir & Youth Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 21: 1-11

... This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

Tell the daughter of Zion,

'Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

... The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

... The crowds were saying,

'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Anthem Hallelu! He Lives! by Ruth Elaine Schram Youth Choir

Hymn Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH #277

Message

Affirmation of Faith (©2004 Mucky Paws, Roddy Hamilton)

We affirm that when God dies it is a time to suspect: to suspect that darkness can be crushed by sunrise, that silence can break with song, that alleluias can be shouted in graveyards, that love chooses to live.

We affirm that when God dies, it is time to suspect this is not the end.

We affirm that when God dies it is a time to believe:

to believe laughter will be heard at dawn, that tombs will be unsealed, that grave clothes will be folded away, that love chooses to live.

We affirm that when God dies, it is time to believe this is not the end.

We affirm that when God dies it is a time to trust:

to trust that the conspiracy belongs to heaven, that crosses aren't the last word, that the last word is always love, and that love chooses to live.

We affirm that when God dies, it is time to trust this is not the end.

Response Hymn Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross UMH #301

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

Special Offering: Easter Offering

Offertory Filled With Excitement (Mantos y Ramos) Avila

*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 Pastor Amy

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song Depth of Mercy Wesley/Rodriguez

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.

*Sending Hymn Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley TFWS #2112

*Benediction Pastor Amy

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. Grant that when the shouting dies we may still walk beside you even to a cross.

*Benediction Response Make Way, Make Way Kendrick

*Postlude

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

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Activity. Includes Weekly Calendar for March 29 to April 5 with various activities like Worship, Choir, and Meetings.

Announcements

- 2026 Easter Offering:** This year's Easter Offering will support **UMCOR** in giving 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**. Your generosity helps so many people.

Please use the Easter Offering envelopes found in the pews or give online and choose "Easter Offering".
- Special offering for March is UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief), which underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs allowing them to use 100% of 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 for the most vulnerable. **Please use UMCOR Sunday envelopes found in the pews.**
- Our food pantry is in need of the following items this week:** cereal, shelf stable milk, mayonnaise, mustard, pasta, peanut butter crackers, tuna, and canned chicken.
- Encore! Musical Theater Camp – Volunteers Needed**
 Our three-week summer camp is officially full with 40 students, and we're so excited!
 We're looking for volunteers to help create a fun, welcoming, and creative experience.
Location: Burnt Hills United Methodist Church
Dates: July 6–24, 2026 (Mon–Fri)
Time: 2:30–5:30 PM (2:45 PM snack, 5:15 PM dismissal)
 We're hoping for assistants who can commit to all three weeks, but a few conflicts are okay—just note them when signing up.
Details: 40 students, two groups of 20
Training: June 29, 2026 (5:30–7:30 PM)
Sign Up Deadline: April 15 at nybhmc.com
 Questions? Email Jillzygo@gmail.com
- Raindrops Closet – Fish Dinner Fundraiser, Friday, April 3rd, 3-8pm at St. Luke's Pastoral Center, 1247 State St, Schenectady.** To preorder, call 518-580-3033. This Lenten meal is being prepared and offered by Sherain, whose Raindrops Closet charity supports many families in the City of Schenectady housed by Social Services in motels and have no kitchens to prepare meals for themselves and their children.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

at Burnt Hills United Methodist Church

<p>Palm Sunday March 29</p> <p>9am & 10:30am Worship with Palms to take home Special music & Youth Choirs (10:30am)</p> <p>Noon Easter Egg Hunt for all! New: <i>At-Your-Own-Pace Egg Hunt</i> also available Please invite your friends for the fun!</p> <p>Maundy Thursday April 2nd</p> <p>6pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion remembering The Last Supper</p>	<p>Good Friday April 3rd</p> <p>noon-3pm Contemplative Time Open time to remember Jesus' last hours Taizé music</p> <p>Easter Sunday April 5th</p> <p>9am Easter Worship Celebration of the Resurrection and New Life Special music & brass trio</p> <p>10:30am Easter Worship Celebration of the Resurrection and New Life Brass trio Children's time with puppet friend</p>
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Welcome

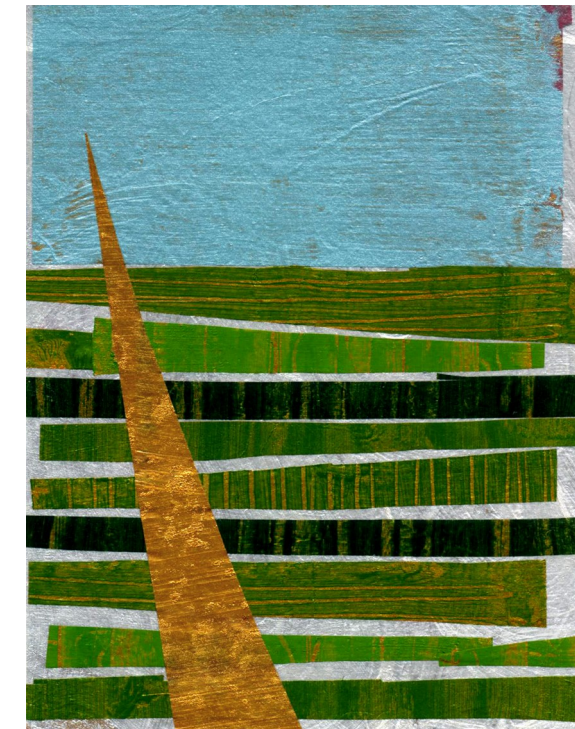
Welcome to worship! If you are new, please fill out a **welcome card** found in the pews if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.

Thank you to our worship leaders today:	
<u>Ushers, March 29</u>	<u>Next week, April 5</u>
9:00 am Mary Jo Farrell	Rhody Streeter
10:30 am Rhody Streeter/ Sue Hennessy	Karen Lathrop/ Sue Hennessy
<u>Balcony Tech</u>	
Orion Marchese/Kim Locker/ Skibinskis	Diane Skibinski

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



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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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