

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

**March 2, 2025**

**9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Prelude** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* French carol

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Ian Carlos Urriola

**\*Call to Worship** Dr. Lisa Hancock, UMC Discipleship Ministries

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

**Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!**

**\*Hymn** *As We Gather at Your Table* TFWS #2268

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon** Moira Laidlaw

Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service. We hear again these wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world. When this happens, our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love. If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need:

**forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:

**forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness:

**forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless:

**forgive us, Lord.**

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

If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:

**forgive us, Lord.**

If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance:

**forgive us, Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*all offer their confessions in silence*

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven!

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** UMH #13

**The Lord's Prayer** (in your heart language) 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.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*All are invited to come forward for Communion. Children are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing, at the discretion of their parents. We will receive by intinction: a piece of bread dipped in grape juice, placed in your crossed, open hands. Napkins are available in the front pew. A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table. Please alert an usher if you'd like to receive Communion seated in your pew.*

**Communion Music** *Somos Pueblo Que Camina* Trad. Nicaraguan  
(We Are People On A Journey)

**Prayer After Receiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Time for Young Disciples**

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

**Scripture Reading** Luke 9:28 – 43a

**Message** Listen Pastor Ian

**Response Hymn** *Holy Ground* TFWS #2272

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Tithes and our Thanks**

**Offertory** *Amazing Abundance* Zelman/Miller

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Where The Spirit of the Lord Is* Adams

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Amy

**\*Sending Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Great Spirit God* Native American melody

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

*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.

## Announcements

- Join us this **Tuesday, March 4, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** for our free **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner!** Throughout history, Christians have gathered on the evening before Lent begins to share a meal with the purpose of using up and enjoying all the cooking fat and rich foods before Lenten fasts begin, and this pancake dinner continues in that tradition. We will have pancakes and sausage and vegan sausage and REAL maple syrup to feast on. We'll also have an Ash Wednesday station for those who wish to receive an imposition of ashes or take ashes "to-go". Invite your friends and neighbors to join us, and bring a donation for our food pantry as well!
- When we become a member of Burnt Hills UMC, we promise to support the Church with our **prayers**, our **presence**, our **gifts**, our **service**, and our **witness**. But what exactly does this entail? Our pastors and some of our leadership team will be facilitating a **Burnt Hills UMC 101** class at **10 a.m.** and **11:30 a.m.** on **March 9, 16, 23,** and **30** to talk about exactly that! Whether you've been attending our church for a while and are thinking about joining or you've been a member for years and years, these 30-minute classes are sure to have something for you to deepen your faith and connection to this community of faith. This BHUMC 101 class will also serve as a "New Members Class", and we intend to invite any folks who have been attending and participating in our ministries and would like to join our church to do so as a part of our **Palm Sunday** celebration on **April 13**. For more information, contact Pastor Ian.
- Throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter, Pastor Ian will be facilitating a weekly class in conjunction with our Social Justice Action Group called **The Land is Not Our Own: Seeking Repair Alongside Indigenous Communities**. This class will gather at 7pm on Wednesday March 12, March 19, April 2, April 16, April 23, May 7, and May 14 at a local restaurant for fellowship and study. Utilizing material from Sarah Augustine's *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery and Joy Harjo's Living Nations Living Words: An Anthology of First People's Poetry*, this small group process lays a foundation of trust and relationship, so that together participants can acknowledge injustice, honor the interconnectedness of all Creation, and seek healing, repair, and hope alongside Indigenous communities. To sign up for this class, contact Pastor Ian or sign up on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall.
- Lent, the period of 40 days preceding the festival of Easter, begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday. This year, Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 5. At Burnt Hills UMC, we will not be having a worship service for **Ash Wednesday**, but there are a **number of local United Methodist congregations that are holding Ash Wednesday services that we would encourage you to visit to** observe this day. Calvary UMC in Latham (15 Ridge Pl, Latham 12110) will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm and First UMC: Schenectady will be participating in an ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at Emmanuel Friedens Church (218 Nott Terrace, Schenectady 12307) at 7pm. Whether you attend a service at one of these churches or another area congregation, we pray and hope that you have a meaningful start to your Lenten season.

- Remember to sign up to help with our **Corn Beef and Cabbage Community Dinner!** More information on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall. Direct questions to Kathy Pirigyi or Linda Noonan. Dinner tickets for sale during Coffee Hour.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, March 2</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir
<b>Monday, March 3</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
6:00 PM	Troop #3892/KH
6:45 PM	Troop #2169/Upstairs
<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	
10:00 AM	Meditation/Senior High room
4:30 PM	Pancake Supper/KH
6:30 PM	SPRC/Upstairs
7:00 PM	Troop #56/Upstairs
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>	
8:30 AM	Fixits
9:30 AM	Explorers/Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Troop #3910/Upstairs
6:30 PM	Saratoga Voices/KH
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Table Talk/Pizza Works
7:30 PM	Meditation/SH room
<b>Thursday, March 6</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers/Knight Hall
10:30 AM	BH-BL Women's Club/FS
7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
<b>Friday, March 7</b>	
	BH-BL Women's Club set up/KH
<b>Saturday, March 8</b>	
8:00 AM	BH-BL Women's Club/KH
<b>Sunday, March 9 Daylight Saving Time</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir

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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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