

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

March 5, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Lent-Week 2 Kinship: Belonging in a World of Relations: Place

Prelude *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Neumark

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** by Ruth C. Duck

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

People: We come seeking the awareness of God’s presence as we travel on.

Leader: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

All: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen!

***Hymn** *All Who Hunger* TFWS #2126

Congregational Prayer by Worship Ways, adapted

God of calls and courage, you draw us towards your loving embrace even as we face what seems like impossibility. We experience heartache and grief, injustice and cruelty, fear and anxiety as daily teachers on this path of faith. As you call us to go into an uncertain and unknown future, O God, grant us the courage needed to let go of all that we have known so that we can take hold of the new life you are bringing about even now. Though we may not know where we are going, God, your way is revealed moment by moment, step by step, and breath by breath. We thank you for all of the connections and relationships that sustain us on the path. In the name of the One who so loves the world we pray. Amen.

Anthem **9AM** *Better Than A Hallelujah* Hartford/Hart
10:30AM *Shines The Light* Dengler/Dengler

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Insert

Music During Communion *In The Singing* Murray/Young

Prayer after Receiving

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

Young Disciples Time

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

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

Reading “On Lightness” by Heather Swan Insert

Choral Response *Holy Ground* Insert

Scripture Reading John 3: 1-17

Message “Nic at Night” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

***Hymn** *There’s a Spirit of Love in this Place* W&S #3148

Offering our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *Faith Is Patience In The Night* Keithahn/Horman

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *You Are My All in All* Jernigan

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** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* TFWS# 2050

***Benediction**

Postlude *Victim Divine* Woodbury

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, March 5	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship with Sunday School
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
Monday, March 6	
9:30 AM	Early Birds
6:30 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, March 7	
7:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Finance Meeting/Knight Hall
Wednesday, March 8	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
1:00 PM	Preschool Committee Meeting
6:00 PM	Scouts
6:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Pub Theology/Pizza Works
7:00 PM	Savvy Ally/Knight Hall
Thursday, March 9	
9:15 AM	Seekers
10:30 AM	BH-BL Women’s Club
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 11	
6:30 PM	Open Mike Night/Knight Hall
Sunday, March 12	
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

*To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at www.nybhumc.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.*

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by SPRC

Announcements

- 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.
- 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 8,15,22,29 and April 5 from 7-8:30 pm**. Offered in-person, virtually or both! Copies available through BHUMC or purchase your own.
- On **Saturday, March 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm**, it’s **Open Mike Night** at the Burnt Hills United Methodist Church! The performers are signing up! So far we have singers, musicians, poets, and a trumpeter! Sign ups are outside of Knight Hall. Coffee and desserts will be available for purchase. No cover charge but a free will offering will be taken for UMCOR.
- 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**.
- 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.

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."**

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 Facteau-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.

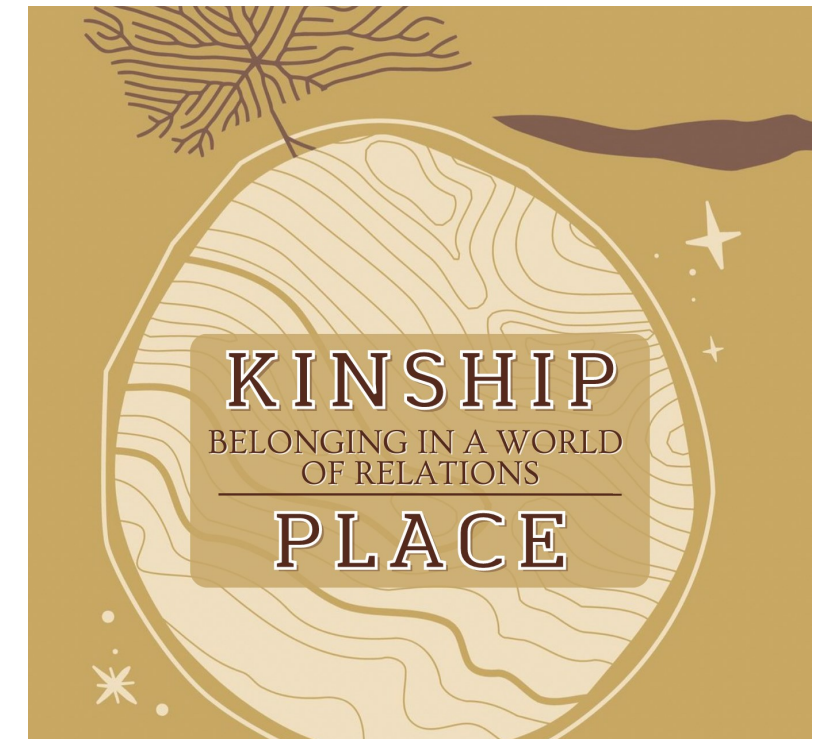
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Are you on the church email list? Is your email current? **Weekly emails highlight the activities around the church and information about Sunday worship**, including the livestream link. Please contact the office: burnthillsumc@gmail.com



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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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