

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
September 17, 2023 9:30 AM Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *At The Name of Jesus* Williams

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the day **(This is the day)**
 That the Lord has made **(That the Lord has made)**
 Let us rejoice **(Let us rejoice)**
 And be glad in it **(And be glad in it)**

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

This is the day **(This is the day)**
That the Lord has made!

***Hymn** *Ah-La-La-La*

Ah-la-la-la, la-la, le-lu-jah
 Ah-la-la-la, la-le-lu-jah
 Ah-la-la-la, la-la, le-lu-jah
 Ah-la-la-la, la-le... Ah-le-lu-jah!

Shake a friend's hand, shake a hand next to you.
 Shake a friend's hand, and sing this song.
 Shake a friend's hand, shake a hand next to you.
 Shake a friend's hand, and sing... Ah-le-lu-jah.

2. Touch a friend's nose...
3. Scratch a friend's back...
4. Slap a high-five...

Congregational Prayer (written by Walter Rauschenbusch, 1861-1918)

O God,
 We thank you for this earth, our home;
 for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
 for the ocean and streams,
 for the towering hills and the whispering wind,
 for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses
 by which we hear the songs of birds,
 and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat,
 and taste autumn's fruit,
 rejoice in the feel of snow,
 and smell the breath of spring flowers.

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

Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;
 and save us from being so blind
 that we pass unseeing
 when even the common thorn bush
 is aflame with your glory.

Anthem *Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)* Trad. Spanish

Scripture Reading John 4:3-15, 27-29

Reflections On Summer Camp

Hymn *Pass It On* UMH #572

Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *Wade In The Water* African American Spiritual

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UMH #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Church Family in Prayer Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* Temple

Pastoral Prayer

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** *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Freely, Freely* Owens

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, September 17 Camp Sunday	
9:30 AM	Worship w/campfire
10:30 AM	Prepare meal for Salvation Army
Monday, September 18	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
10:00 AM	Serve lunch at Salvation Army
6:30 PM	Scouts
6:45 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Church Council/Knight Hall
Tuesday, September 19	
1:00 PM	BH-BL Book Club
7:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Trustees/Knight Hall
Wednesday, September 20	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works
Thursday, September 21	
9:15 AM	Seekers
6:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 24	
9:30 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 PM	Voices of Hope
3:00 PM	Scouts

*To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at www.nybhunc.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. to have one forwarded to you.*

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

- **Wildfires in Hawaii: Update: We have roughly \$3200.00 so far!** Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. Our hearts are broken by the images and stories we hear. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide relief for emergency supplies. Please join UMCOR in prayer for all those affected. BHUMC will send monetary gifts to UMCOR. 100% is used for relief work—no overhead costs. **LAF will match gifts given for Maui up to \$5,000.** Please help spread the word! You can give by marking your check made out to the church: **UMCOR or by giving online through our website: www.nybhmc.com and choosing UMCOR.** Our gifts will grow quickly to bring hope and care to Hawaii. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Sunday School needs YOU!** Please email jafstgelais@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering and if you have particular preferences (teacher, '2nd adult' helper, and/or substitute).
- Sunday School starts next week! If you are interested in having your youth attend Sunday School at BHUMC during the upcoming 2023-24 year, please scan the QR code and complete the student registration code for each of your youth. We have not yet determined grade-level teachers, so this is to get a view of youth numbers and gather their necessary information. If you have any questions please reach out to Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais or to the Pastors! We understand that some youth may not be available to attend Sunday School every Sunday -- **and that's okay!** Please fill out the registration form so we have student/family information, so if/when you DO attend, we have the student info and also we can keep you in the loop for special events throughout the year!
- **September 24th:** We kick off the program year for **Sunday School and Youth Choirs:**
 - Youth Choir** (grades 1-6) 9:45am-10:25am rehearsal on Sundays.
 - Voices of Hope** (Grades 6-12) 11:30-12:15 rehearsals on Sundays after church.Please reach out to Jill Zygo at jillnyhan@yahoo.com or 518-859-3734 with interest and questions.



- **Saturday, Sept 30 is District Day** hosted by Saratoga Springs UMC, 175 Fifth Ave., Saratoga Springs. All are welcome to attend, and there is no charge this year, thanks to the generosity of the Adirondack Lay Servant Team, which is covering most of our expenses! **Lunch is included.** Registration opens 8:15 AM. Worship at 8:45 AM. Three sets of 75-minute workshops will be offered throughout the day. You do not need to attend all three workshops. **Please register by Sept. 18,** but the earlier the better! (518) 608-1246.

Save the Date

- **Confirmation classes are forming now for the fall.** Students entering **8th grade and above** are welcome. We will need **2 leaders** as well as **mentors** to pair up with the youth. Please contact Cathy Bryson, catbryson@aol.com, or Robyn in the office to sign up.
- Oct 7: **Scenic Saturday** a day long retreat to recharge and enjoy the beauty of fall at Skye Farm Camp. All ages invited. Carpooling available. More info to come. Sign up sheets outside Knight Hall.
- Oct 14: **Community Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** at BHUMC, eat in or take out, 4:30-7pm
- Nov 18 at 3pm we host group **charge conferences** at BHUMC with our district superintendent

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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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