

***We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.***  
***September 24, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Prelude** *Step by Step* Strasser

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Call to Worship** (Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)  
 Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!  
**Great is our God and greatly to be praised.**  
 Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!  
**This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell the next generation of the Holy One's magnificent and mighty acts.**  
 Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!  
**We declare the abundant goodness, gracious righteousness, and holy love of our God. Praise the Holy One!**

**Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations (vs 1,2,4)* UMH #428

**Stewardship Moment** April Hicks

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

**Young Disciples Time**

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**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**  
**God of Abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity. Help us to know that you have given us enough for our journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them. Help us to embrace how you have made us as individuals who may bring out singular gifts to our common life.**

**Words of Grace** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Anthem** *The Way of Christ* Choplin

**Mission Moment** "World Communion Sunday" Special Offering Oct. 1 Video

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 20: 1-16

**Message** "Jealous of Generosity?" Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Hymn of Response** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH #121

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

**Offertory** *Falling On My Knees* Scott

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Covenant Prayer* Wesley/Locklear/Seate

**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** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vs.1,2,4)* UMH #581

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Behold A Broken World* Miller

***Made Equal: Service Prayers for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost were written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.***

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by Steve and Diane Skibinski.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 PM	Voices of Hope
3:00 PM	Scouts
<b>Monday, September 25</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
2:00 PM	Special K/Knight Hall
6:45 PM	Scouts
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	
7:00 PM	Scouts/Knight Hall
7:00 PM	Next Steps meeting/Fireside Room
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	SJAG
<b>Thursday, September 28</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers
10:30 AM	Altar Planning Committee
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>	
8:15AM	Saratoga District Day
<b>Sunday, October 1 World Communion Sunday with special offering</b>	
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To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at [www.nybhunc.com](http://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](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com). to have one forwarded to you.

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

## 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 \$4,339.00 so far!** UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide relief for emergency supplies. 100% used for relief work—no overhead costs. LAF will match gifts given for Maui up to \$5,000. Mark your check made out to the church: UMCOR or give online through our website: [www.nybhumc.com](http://www.nybhumc.com) and choose UMCOR. Thank you for your generosity! This is our final Sunday of our collection.
- **Sunday School needs YOU!** Please email [jafstgela@gmail.com](mailto:jafstgela@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering and if you have particular preferences (teacher, '2nd adult' helper, and/or substitute).
- Sunday School starts today! 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. 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!
- **Today!** 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](mailto: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. **New registration deadline is Tuesday.** (518) 608-1246. Brochures with more information available from the ushers.
- **World Communion Sunday & Special Offering is Next Sunday.** Do you recall a time when you were a student and needed scholarships to help you complete your education? On **World Communion Sunday**, in addition to receiving the sacraments, we receive an offering that supports racial-ethnic United Methodist students with scholarships and grants for continuing education training. Our gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering will equip students to transform their communities around the world. You can make an offering by check made out to **BHUMC with WCS** in the memo or by giving through the link on our website. Thank you for your generosity.

## Save the Date

- 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
- Oct. 21: **Winter Sports Equipment Sale** from 9:00-12:00pm.
- Oct. 22: BHUMC's first anniversary as a **Reconciling Congregation**
- Nov. 4 **Open Mic Night, 6:30-8:30pm.** Sign up outside Knight Hall.
- 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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