

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
September 3, 2023 9:30 AM Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Take Me To The Water* African American spiritual

Words of Welcome

Lords Acre Fair News

Call to Worship by Dag Hammarskjöld, Sweden, 20th cent, "Prayer for a New Heart"

Thou who art over us.
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who *art*:
**Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
A humble heart, that I may hear thee;
A heart of love, that I may serve thee;
A heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**

***Hymn** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vs. 1-3)* UMH #581

Unity Prayer by Anselm of Canterbury (c.1033-1109)

**Almighty and tender Lord Jesus Christ,
Just as I have asked you to love my friends,
so I ask the same for my enemies.
You alone, Lord, are mighty.
You alone are merciful.**

**Whatever you make me desire for my enemies,
give it to them and give the same back to me.
If I ever ask for them anything which is outside your perfect rule of
love, whether through ignorance, weakness or malice, good Lord, do
not give it to them
and do not give it back to me.**

**You who are the true light, lighten their darkness.
You who are the whole truth, correct their errors.
You who are the incarnate word, give life to their souls.
Tender Lord Jesus, let me not be a stumbling block to them, nor a
rock of offense.**

**My sin is sufficient to me, without harming others.
I, a slave to sin, beg your mercy on my fellow slaves.
Let them be reconciled with you, and through you reconciled to me.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion written for Ordinary Time, author, enfleshed

The Holy One be with you
And also with you
 Open your hearts to the One who is Love
We open our hearts to you, O God
 Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together
To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise
The liturgy continues. . .

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the
company of the heavens,
singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna, among us
The liturgy continues. . .

In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.**

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.

(All are invited to come forward for Communion by crossing their open hands. We will receive by intinction: a piece of bread dipped in grape juice, given to you. Napkins are available in the front pew. A gluten-free option is available on the communion table. Please let an usher know if you'd like to receive communion seated in your pew.)

Music During Communion *Come to the Table of Grace* Hamm

Prayer after Receiving

God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so. Amen.

Anthem *Take My Life and Let It Be* Havergal/Malan

Scripture Reading	Romans 12: 9-21	
Message	“Instructions for Living”	Rev. Amy B. Gregory
Song	<i>Grace Alone</i>	TFWS #2162

*Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *You Feed Us, Gentle Savior* Hopson

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song	<i>Make Us One</i>	Cymbala
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Pastoral Prayer Pastor Brendan J. Fox

***Hymn** *I Am Thine, O Lord (vs. 1,2,4)* UMH #419

***Benediction**

Postlude *Where He Leads Me* Norris

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Church Office closed
Last day for LAF donations

Tuesday, September 5
6:30pm SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, September 6	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works

Thursday, September 7
9:15 AM Seekers

Friday, September 8
Lord's Acre Fair—Booths open at 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 9
Lord's Acre Fair—Booths open at 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 10 LAF Sunday
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Tent Take Down

* 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:** 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.nybhumc.com and choosing UMCOR.** Our gifts will grow quickly to bring hope and care to Hawaii. Thank you for your generosity!
- Last year, **during the Lord's Acre Fair, many visitors went to our food pantry shelves** to access our free food. We are so grateful that people took the food but this was unexpected and we were not well prepared. We are asking you to donate **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** during August so that we are better able to help our hungry neighbors. Let's really stock the shelves so that it obvious that this church is all about helping others. Thank you for being generous. The Outreach Commission
- **Sunday School needs YOU!** We will have some wonderful groups of kids to share the Word with and we can't do it without volunteers!!!! Sunday School runs from mid-to-late September to early June, during the 10:30 Worship Service time (after Young Disciple's Time to the end of the service). **Please email jafstgela@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering and if you have particular preferences (teacher, '2nd adult' helper, and/or substitute).** EVEN IF YOU'VE VOLUNTEERED IN THE PAST AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE, LET ME KNOW AS I DO NEED CONFIRMATION OF THIS. Without you, Sunday School cannot occur. Thank you!!!!

- 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!



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.
- **Saturday, September 23, 10 AM – 2 PM** - Community Rummage sale and Savory Soups at Charlton Freehold Church, 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton. Need to make some space – get rid of things you don't use? Put up your items for sale to become somebody else's treasure. Rent a table and space for \$15.00. For information or to make a reservation: Call **518-399-2873** or email: office@charltonfreehold.org
- **Saturday, October 7**, Fall Festival at Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church, 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton. **Wanted:** Crafters, vendors, anyone interested in participating in this event. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. For application: call 518-399-2681 or email office@charltonfreehold.org

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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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