

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.
April 16, 2023 9:00 and 10:30 AM Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude *The Risen Christ* Getty/Madeira

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** by Maren C. Tirabassi

Unlock your hearts—God wants to come in.
Open your lives—God needs a home.
 Swing wide all the doors—God’s children need shelter.
Easter rolls the stone—and nothing can be shut anymore!

***Hymn** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH #304

Prayer of Confession **John 20:19-31** by Elizabeth D. Barnum

O God, I confess my doubt to you, for it is deep and wide, like a fresh wound whose sting cannot be softened by any ointment or bandage. One moment, I praise with song and dance, and the next moment, I turn away from you. I mistakenly beg for certainty, proof, and control over that which cannot be known or controlled. I cry out, “Show me!” My doubt suffocates me even while you breathe on and within me. Open space for me enough to breathe in the reality of your presence in all that I do, in all that I seek, in all that I doubt, and restore new life in me that I may know belief in you, which is deeper and wider than any doubt. Guide my questions that they may expand my awareness and trust amidst the unknown, the mystery, the inexplicable.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance Revelation 1: 4-8

God loves us and frees us from all that we do to turn away from the transformative power of belief. God hears our cries and questions. God promises to remain in covenant. In the name of the Rising One, who came, who comes, and who is to come again, the heavy weight of doubt is lifted.

Anthem *Joy Comes With The Dawn* Light Women's Trio

Song *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191
 Children (and their people) are invited to come forward to the first pew for Young Disciple Time during this song.

Young Disciples Time “Breakfast on the Beach”

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

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

Scripture Reading John 20: 19-31

Message “Poor Doubting Thomas!” Rev. Amy B. Gregory

Hymn of Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UMH #420

Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks

Offertory *Dona Nobis Pacem* Traditional Latin Women's Trio

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

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Brendan J. Fox

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Ascent (Day 1)* Einaudi

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** *Christ has Risen* TFWS #2115

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* Wesley/Williams



Women's Trio: Diane Skibinski, Shelby Bryson, sopranos; Kristen Reck, alto

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, April 16	
9:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Salvation Army
Monday, April 17	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
10:00 AM	Serve lunch at Salvation Army
6:30 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, April 18	
1:00 PM	BH-BL Book Club
7:00 PM	Scouts
Wednesday, April 19	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
5:30 PM	Scouts
6:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	AA meeting/Fireside room
7:00 PM	Pub Theology at Pizza Works
Thursday, April 20	
9:15 AM	Seekers
6:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 22	
12:00 PM	BH-BL Women’s Club Games and Card Party
Sunday, April 23	
Earth Day Fair during coffee hour!	
9:00 AM	Sunday Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope Choir
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 The Church Council

Announcements

- **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.
- Are you interested in learning more about BHUMC and the United Methodist Church? Are you interested in joining the church? There will be a **New Member Conversation on April 30th** after both worship services. **Opportunity to join during worship on May 7th.** Not crazy about standing up front? Speak to the pastors. Quiet joining is an option too :) **New Member Celebration Coffee Hour on May 7th.**
- Join us for an **Earth Day Fair during Coffee Hour on April 23.** Learn about ways to care for the environment and celebrate the wonderful gift of creation that is entrusted to us.

Save the date:

- **April 30 United Methodist Camp Sunday**—hear about this wonderful conference wide ministry and sign up for summer camp!
- **May 14 Mother's Day service.** Our youth will lead us.
- **May 21 Music Sunday one service at 10:30am** Celebrate and be inspired by the music ministry of BHUMC.
- **June 11** The Social Justice Action Group is organizing our participation in **Capital Pride in Albany.** Join us as we extend a warm welcome to all of God's beloved children. Watch for more details!
- The **Phil Grigsby Memorial Crop Hunger Walk** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 7.** The BHUMC will be walking as a group. You can donate or sign up to walk by visiting crophungerwalk.org.
- The **BH-BL Women's Club** is having a games and card party fundraiser on **Saturday, April 22 from 12:00-4:00 pm** in Knight Hall. **\$20.00 per person includes a table reservation, lunch, beverage and dessert.** To reserve a table call Pat at 518-399-5990 or email bhblwomensclub@gmail.com or text 518-441-2450.
- The BH-BL High School is hosting a **Senior Community Prom on Saturday, April 29 from 5:30-8:30pm** in the high school cafeteria. Dinner buffet will be provided and **admission is free.** Please **RSVP by April 21** to Tom Diacetis, 518-399-9141 x 83304 or tdiacetis@bhbl.org.

What happened to our Easter Flowers??

If you attended the Easter service live or via our live stream, you would have noticed three colors of chrysanthemums on and around the altar. Today, they are gone. **What happened to them?** The altar committee and visitation team has the joy of delivering these beautiful live plants to members that for varying reasons find it difficult to attend services. LAF provides us with funds to support this effort. It is a joy to see the faces of the recipients receiving something that has been part of the Easter Service. This is just another example of how our church cares for our members whether present or not.

Thank you,
The Altar and Visitation Teams

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: *Dee Lowman*
Financial Secretary: *Sue Zoller*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
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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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