

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

**March 31, 2024 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Easter Sunday**

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by the Grow Team

**Prelude** *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Anonymous  
Trinity Brass

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Amy Gregory

**\*Call to Worship** by Joanna Harader

Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is Risen Indeed!**  
 Hallelujah!  
 On this day we celebrate resurrection.  
 The power of life has overcome the power of death.  
**Hallelujah!**  
 The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.  
**Hallelujah!**  
 The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.  
 Hallelujah!  
**We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve.**  
**Hallelujah!**

**\*Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (verses 1-4) UMH #302

**Prayer** by Steven Shakespeare, "Prayers for an Inclusive Church"

God of new creation,  
 from the womb of earth  
 you raised the Lord of life:  
 may we receive the word of women  
 who braved the soldier's spears  
 and met him in the dawning light;  
 may we live with morning joy  
 that love will never die,  
 through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.  
 God unlimited  
 by mortal fear  
 or tomb's cold grip:  
 in the lingering dark  
 give us grace to know  
 your life triumphant  
 your love undimmed  
 in the face of Christ,  
 the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

**Anthem** *Yahweh* Stefanovich

**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** Charles A. Poulet

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

**Poem** "Spring" by Mary Oliver

**\*Hymn** *Up From the Grave He Arose* UMH #322  
 --remain seated during verses, stand on the refrain, in body or in spirit!

**Scripture Reading** Mark 16: 1-8

**Message** "Easter's Silent Surprise" Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Hymn** 9:00am *In the Garden* UMH #314  
 10:30am *Glorious Day* Ingram/Smith /Stanfill /Curran Mike Zygo

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, our Tithes and our Pledges**

**Offertory** *Christ Is The World's Light*  
 Chancel Choir with Trinity Brass

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *The Risen Christ* Getty/Madeira

**Pastoral Prayer** "Surprising Risings – An Ongoing Easter Prayer"  
 by David Long-Higgins

**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** *He Lives* UMH #310

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**Postlude** *Just A Closer Walk* Anon., arr. Tunison Trinity Brass

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Easter Sunday!</b> Worship Worship
<b>Monday, April 1</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> No Earlybirds
<b>Tuesday, April 2</b> All day 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Primary Election/KH Scouts Lent Experience (rescheduled)
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b> 8:30 AM  6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Fix-its No Explorers Saratoga Voices/Sanctuary/KH AA/Fireside Room Table Talk/Pizzaworks
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>  10:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	No Seekers BH-BL Women's Club Playgroup/Classroom Scouts Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, April 6</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Men's Breakfast Caregiver's Support Group
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM 3:30 PM	<b>Easter Sunday!</b> Worship Worship Scouts/KH Scouts

To find out the latest event information, please regularly check the **Events Calendar on our website at [www.nybhumc.com](http://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](mailto:burnthillsumc@gmail.com). to have one forwarded to you.

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

## Welcome

- **Thank you for making our celebration of the resurrection beautiful and meaningful.** Special gratitude for Terry Pransys and the Altar Guild, Pete Van Keuren, The Chancel Choir, Mike Zygo and The Trinity Brass: Jeremy VanKeuren, trumpet; Harmon Tunison, tuba, Bill Phillips, trombone
- **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.
- We will be **collecting prayer cards** during the offering. If you would like your **prayer request** forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please check

## Announcements

- This year, our **Easter Offering** will be given to UMCOR. **Easter Sunday and UMCOR Sunday are both in March.** This year we are taking one offering-our Easter Offering--and designating it for UMCOR Sunday. For any who are moved to **make a donation to the Easter Offering** you may send a check to the church office, **use one of the Easter offering envelopes in the pews, please mark all checks "Easter Offering" in the memo line or you may give electronically through our Vanco.**
- The Church office will be **closed Easter Monday, April 1.** From April 2-April 5, office hours will be 8:00-12:00 pm.
- **Bishop Hector** will visit Shenendehowa UMC in the Albany District on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 –8:30 pm.** The church is located at 971 Route 146 in Clifton Park. Come, meet the bishop!
- **Save the Date!** Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) will once again sponsor the **Phil Grigbsy Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK on Sunday, May 5th** with **registration beginning at noon and the WALK step off that begins at 1:00 PM.** Be on the watch for a bulletin board in our Church that will provide more information.
- **April 14 is Camp Sunday!** Robyn Vernon from Skye Farm Camp and Retreat Center is our special guest. Camp and scholarship information will be available.
- **April 21 is Earth Sunday/ Native American Ministries Sunday.** Join us for worship and a special mini Earth Day Fair and Seed Swap after second worship in Knight Hall.
- Thank you to everyone that helped out with the Red Cross Blood Drive. They collected **31 units, 23 whole and 8 power red units.**



### Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*  
Communication Coordinator: *Robyn Axon*  
Custodian: *Nick Adami*  
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Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*  
Preschool Teachers: *Stephanie Tope & Angela Barclay*  
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

# Burnt Hills

## United Methodist Church

**March 31, 2024**



"The Stone and the Road" by Jan Richardson

### 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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