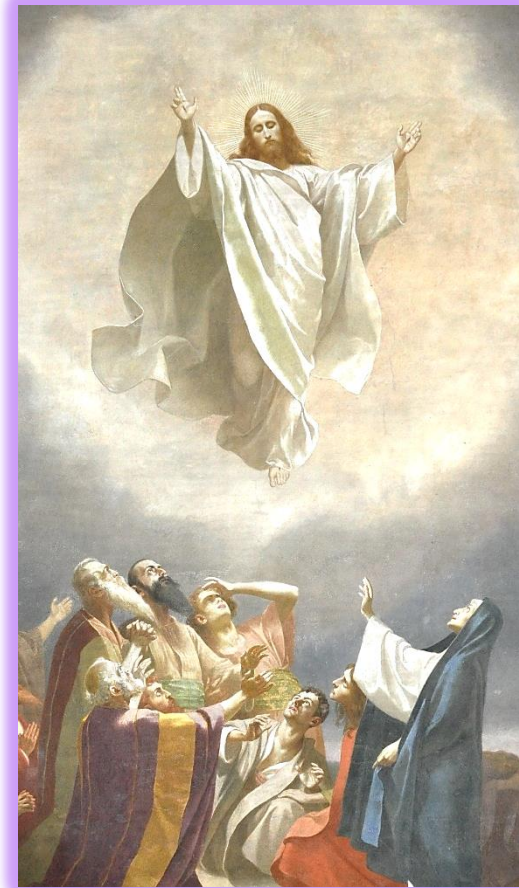


Burnt Factory United Methodist Church



Sharing the Love of Christ with All People

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THIS WEEK	LOOKING AHEAD
<p><u>Tuesday, May 23</u> Noon 2/4 BLT, Fellowship Hall 5:30 Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary 6:30 Choir Practice, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 24</u> 9:30-1 Pastor Steve in Office 7:00 Trustees, Lower Cottage</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 25</u> 7:00 Boy Scouts, Shelter</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 27</u> 11:00 Youth Hike to Harpers Ferry</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 28</u> Stage Left praise band will lead our music</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 30</u> 5:30 Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary 6:30 Choir Practice, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 31</u> 9:30-1 Pastor Steve in Office</p> <p><u>Thursday, June 1</u> 7:00 Boy Scouts, Shelter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day Monday, May 29 (Church Office Closed)</p>
THE MINISTRY	
<p>Ministers..... Every Member Pastor..... Pastor C. Steven Melester Lay Leader..... Jani Shope Minister of Administration and Spiritual Formation..... Rob Moss Minister of Children and Family..... Carrie Fair Minister of Youth..... Erin Hartman Worship Leader..... Tom Müller Minister of Music..... Diana Smith Pianists..... Cindy Müller, Polly Duvall, Erin Hartman Parish Faith Community Nurse..... Theresa Gilbert Audio/ Visual System..... Sam Lentz, James Perkins Nursery Staff: Emma McKinley, Addison Russell, Lily Hayton, Stephanie Smith Bishop of Virginia Conference..... Bishop Sue Haupt-Johnson Shenandoah River District Superintendent..... Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez</p>	
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WEEKLY BENEVOLENCE REPORT May 14, 2023	
Offering ~ \$6751	
EGI Giving/ Building Fund ~ \$150	
8:30 ~ 105	11:00 ~ 119 Livestream ~ 76 SS ~ 63

SERVICE OF WORD
Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRECIOUS NAME

At Burnt Factory United Methodist Church, we believe that the gathering of God's people for worship is a time of great joy and celebration! Psalm 100 proclaims we should worship the Lord with gladness and come before him with joyful songs. We are to enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise! For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

WE PRAISE GOD FOR OUR CHILDREN

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so!

(Infants and toddlers may go to the nursery after the message and children in grades 1-5 may go to Children's Church)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

"The Apostle's Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (¹universal)

The Apostle's Creed is one of the oldest and most succinct expressions of Christian belief. Churches of all denominations have used this iconic apostolic creed for centuries.

***OPENING HYMN** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* #154

WE PRAISE GOD THROUGH THE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Lesson from the Epistles

Ephesians 1: 15-23

WE PRAISE GOD THROUGH MUSIC

Praise Team

"We All Need Jesus"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you....And also with you

WE PRAISE GOD THROUGH THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon

"Le Témoin"

Pastor Steve

Lesson from the Gospels

Luke 24: 44-53

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Bind Us Together"

#2226

WE PRAISE GOD THROUGH PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (See Insert)

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"My Hope is Built"

#368

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19-20

Welcome New Members!

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