

# Burlington Baptist Church

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*Anniversary Sunday*

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

God of all ages,  
you have travelled with your people  
in this place through the past 68 years.  
You have shared moments of joy and times of despair.  
Be with us now as we,  
like those faithful believers who have gone before us,  
and those who will come after us,  
join in gratitude to sing your praise.  
Amen.

**Prelude**      “Gather Us In” (Marty Haugen; setting, James Biery)      Linda Mourot

**Welcome and Announcements**      Dave Ogilvie

**Prayer and Preparation**

WE PRAISE GOD

**Introit**      “Love Grows Here” (Don Besig)      Malcolm Paterson

**Call to Worship**

\* **Hymn of Praise**      “God is Here”      409 - GG

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*
- 3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

4. *Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

\* Prayer of Approach

**Responsive Reading** "I Celebrate the Church" - a litany by Ann Weems.

LEADER: I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,  
where two or three or thousands can gather together  
in God's name and touch this world  
with the amazing good news that somebody cares,  
that God joins us in community so that someday  
this world will be loved to wholeness.

PEOPLE: We celebrate this community,  
where we say Yes in the face of No,  
where we light candles in the darkest night,  
where healing and compassion leave no time  
for self-righteousness,  
and the life-sustaining love of Christ  
is evident in the life of the believers.

LEADER: I celebrate the church, where we dare to stand up,  
where risk runs rampant,  
and you and I and all of Christ's disciples  
are called upon to follow,  
even when it costs us something.

PEOPLE: We celebrate the church, where we are called  
from half-heartedness to commitment:  
commitment to a God who calls us to change,  
to change our direction,  
to be reborn to a way of life where others are significant.

LEADER: I celebrate the church, where every child of God  
is hailed as unique and valuable,  
where arms are opened to the world's outcasts,  
where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world is invited in  
and is surprised by the life-giving word  
that Christ accepts the children,  
all the children of the world.

PEOPLE: We celebrate the trust we hold, the spirit we share,  
the attitude of partnership.  
We celebrate that love lives among us,  
that God's spirit pervades our being, our community.

ALL: Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ today –  
where the wonderful wildness of God breaks through  
and fills us with a holy spirit that overflows...  
and every day is a festival of faith! Amen.

A Gift of Song "Built on the Rock" Malcolm  
(Nikolai Grundtvig/ Ludwig Lindeman; setting, Alfred V. Fedak)

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering "Bless This House" (Helen Taylor/May Brahe)

\* Offertory Prayer "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (verse 1) 708 - GG

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

Prayers of the People of God

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures Gina Winslow

Hebrew Lesson: Deuteronomy 11: 1 - 21

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Sermon: "Our Story, Our Song"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response

“God of Our Life”

686 – GG

1. *God of our life, through all the circling years,  
we trust in you;  
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
your hand we view.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
we own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.*
  
2. *God of the past, our times are in your hand;  
with us abide.  
Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land;  
be now our guide.  
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*
  
3. *God of the coming years, thro' paths unknown  
we follow you;  
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
our faith renew.  
Be now for us in life our daily bread,  
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

\* Benediction

Postlude “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” (Henry Purcell)



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Sunday October 18, 2020

*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today! We pray you will find our fellowship warm and our worship meaningful. Regular and large print bulletins, and hearing-assist devices, are available.

The **Greeters** today are Ella Wilbur & Dave Elliott, the **Welcome Associate** is Crystal Brogan, **Ushers** are George Wilbur & James Raza and our **Sound Technician** is Emily Sweet.



The beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary today are placed by Marjorie Latimer in honor of her Mother, **Merle Bright** who will be celebrating her **100th Birthday** this week on Wednesday 21 October.

## THIS WEEK

1. **Tuesday, October 20: Adult Study 2.00pm in the Sanctuary.** ‘The World of Biblical Israel’ this week: “*Food and the Family Meal - Boundaries*” and “*National Identity - Intermarriage*”. Any inquiries to Larry Ogden.
2. **Tuesday, October 20: Board Meeting 7.00pm in the Upper Room** (check with Chair for venue etc.)
3. **Thursday, October 22: The Benefits Program** will be available between 10am - 12noon to Burlington residents in need.

4. **Saturday, October 24: 'Hearing Queer Voices in the Church'** The Gathering of Baptists on Zoom 9.00am-12noon. To register contact Gary Caldwell: [caldwell@silomail.com](mailto:caldwell@silomail.com) or 519-647-3504

### Advance Notices

**Thursday, October 29:** The Congregational Care and Outreach Team is hosting a **Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event** for children and Youth. If you are interested contact Miles Ross [meross1954@gmail.com](mailto:meross1954@gmail.com)



### Other Notices

#### The Used Stamp Program

A **BIG thank you** to all who have continued to donate used postage stamps for the Canadian Bible Society, which raises much needed money for the translation, printing and distribution of Bibles by this method.



Please note that we are asked to leave at least a **ONE INCH** border around the stamps when cutting from envelopes - we know this is difficult when most stamps are stuck right in the corner of the envelope - but please endeavor

#### Church Office Hours:



- Open Tuesday to Friday 9:00am-1.00pm
- Contact Jackie, our Office Administrator by calling 905-634-2477 or email [office@burlingtonbaptist.com](mailto:office@burlingtonbaptist.com)