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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

God of light, Light of light,
Light in our darkness, Light to pierce even brightness,
Shine on us.
If truth is seen, then bless us.
If darkness, illuminate.
If sin, forgive.
If despair, renew with hope.
For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prelude "Rhosymedre" Linda Mourot
(or "LOVELY" - J.D. Edwards; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Welcome and Announcements Dave Ogilvie

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Introit "A Winter Carol" (Winnagene Hatch) Allison Thornton

Call to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" 366 - GG

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*
- 2. Come, almighty, to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
- 3. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.*

* **Prayer of Approach**

Responsive Reading 1 Corinthians 13

LEADER: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

PEOPLE: And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.

LEADER: If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

PEOPLE: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious
or boastful or arrogant or rude.

LEADER: Love does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

PEOPLE: Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

LEADER: But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;
as for tongues, they will cease;
as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

PEOPLE: For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;
but when the complete comes, the partial comes to an end.

LEADER: When I was a child, I spoke like a child,
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;
when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

PEOPLE: For now, we see in a mirror, dimly,
but then we will see face to face.

LEADER: Now I know only in part; then I will know fully,
even as I have been fully known.

ALL: And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love. Amen.

A Gift of Song “The People Who Walk in Darkness” (Pepper Choplin)

Malcolm Paterson & Sharyn Kreuger

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

(Kathleen Thomerson; arr. David Cherwien)

* Offertory Prayer “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” [Tune at #197 - GG]

*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done. Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Malcolm Paterson

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4: 7 - 11

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 2 - 10

Sermon: “Visions”

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Swiftly Pass the Clouds” [Tune at #248] 190 - GG

- 1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.*
- 2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Saviour through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain and loss.*
- 3. Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.*

* Benediction

Postlude

“The Gift Goes On”

Lisa Cooper, Allison Thornton

(Ron Harris and Claire Cloniger; arr. John Higgins)