

Burlington Baptist Church

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

We plough the fields,
and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all this love. Amen.

Prelude “Nun Danket Alle Gott” (J.S. Bach; arr. Trevor) Linda Mourot

Welcome and Announcements Dave Ogilvie

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Introit “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” Sanctuary Choir

Call to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “Let All Things Now Living” 37 - GG

- 1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished
as forward we travel from light into light.*
- 2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading Psalm 65

LEADER: O God, to you we owe hymns of praise in Zion;
to you our vows must be fulfilled,
you who hear our prayers
and before whom all flesh must stand.

PEOPLE: **We are filled with the blessings of your house,
the holy things of your temple.**

LEADER: With powerful deeds of justice
you answer us, O God our Deliverer,
you in whom all the ends of the earth
and the farthest seas put their trust.

PEOPLE: **You set the mountains in place by your power.
You still the roaring of the seas,
and the tumult of the peoples.**

LEADER: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
stand in awe of your marvels;
you make the sunrise and sunset shout for joy!

PEOPLE: **You nourish and water the land.
The streams of God are full of water;
you provide us with grain as you ordained.**

LEADER: Thus have you prepared the land,
drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods,
softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

PEOPLE: **You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
the meadows overflow with abundance,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.**

LEADER: The fields are covered with flocks
and the valleys are blanketed with grain.
They sing and shout together for joy! Amen.

A Gift of Song

“Blaenwern” (“Love Divine, all love excelling” - Charles Wesley)

(two verses in English, one in Welsh)

John Griffiths

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering “Prayer of Thanksgiving” (Old Dutch Melody; arr. Stickles)

* 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

Malcolm Paterson

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15

Hebrew Lesson: Deuteronomy 8: 6 - 19

Sermon: “Do Not Forget”

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Praise God for the Harvest” (Brian Wren)

- 1. Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.*
- 2. Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours unseen and unknown.*
- 3. Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create and fulfill:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.*
- 4. Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples who struggle and serve,
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.*

* Benediction

Postlude “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” (Monsell/Healey Willan)