



# Burlington

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Baptist Church



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# *Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

## WE APPROACH GOD

Our life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
We hear the sweet, though far off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
we hear the music ringing:  
It finds an echo in our soul -  
how can we keep from singing?  
Amen.

**Prelude** "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Linda  
(Robert Lowry; arr. David Angerman)

**Welcome and Announcements** Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

## WE PRAISE GOD

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn of Praise** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" [Tune @ #611 - GG]

1. *Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
2. *You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*
3. *Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

## Prayer of Approach

### Responsive Reading      “Declaration of Faith”      by Ann Weems

LEADER: We believe in God, in Jesus Christ,  
in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

PEOPLE: We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us  
to worship as a community,  
to become a church family.

LEADER: We believe the Holy Spirit works  
through men and women, ministers and wiggly children,  
ringing bells and guitars... and silence,  
drama and the unexpected, choirs and soloists,

PEOPLE: touching and praying, spontaneity and planning,  
faith and doubt, tears and laughter,  
leading and supporting, hugging and kneeling,  
dancing and stillness, applauding and giving,

LEADER: creativity and plodding, words and listening,  
holding and letting go, "thank you" and "help me,"

PEOPLE: Scripture and alleluias,  
agonizing and celebrating, accepting and caring,  
through you and through me, through Love.

LEADER: We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community  
of dancing, hand-holding people  
where lines of age and politics and lifestyle are crossed.

PEOPLE: We believe in praising God for life!  
We believe in responding to God's grace  
by showing love and justice to all people.

LEADER: We believe in the poetry within each of us.  
We believe in dreams and visions.

PEOPLE: We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.  
We believe in Love.

ALL: We believe, Lord... help our unbelief. Amen.

A Gift of Song      “I Will Sing Glad Songs”      (Gordon Young)  
Allison and Malcolm

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering      “Sing the Lord's Song”      (Natalie Sleeth)  
Allison, Lisa, and Sharyn

\* Offertory Prayer      “For the Life That You Have Given”      717 - GG

*For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labour,  
with these gifts that are your own;  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing. Amen.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures      Lynne McCulloch

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 12: 1 - 6

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Sermon:      “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response      “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”      821 - GG

1. *My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

2. *Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

3. *What though my joys and comforts die  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]*

4. *The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]*

## Benediction

### Postlude

“Walk in the Light”

Sharon & Larry

(Traditional American Gospel, arranged by Robert W. Houghton.)