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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
who brings forth bread
from the earth.
Amen.

Hamotzi - Jewish blessing over bread.

Prelude "Meditation" (Jules Massenet) Linda

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 12 - GG

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading Proverbs 9: 1 - 10

LEADER: Wisdom has built her house,
she has erected her seven pillars.

PEOPLE: She has prepared her food, decanted her wine,
and set her table.

LEADER: She has sent out her household staff
to call from a place overlooking the city.
"Whoever wants enlightenment, step this way!" she says,
inviting all who lack common sense to come.

PEOPLE: "Come, eat my bread
and drink the wine I have prepared for you.
Abandon your foolishness that you may live,
and walk the path of understanding!"

LEADER: Correct the scoffer and you will have an enemy;
Rebuke the wrongdoer and you will court injury.

PEOPLE: Censure the arrogant and you engender hatred;
but correct the wise and they will love you for it.

LEADER: Give instruction to the wise,
and they will grow in wisdom;
teach the just and they will grow in understanding.

PEOPLE: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

ALL: Amen.

A Gift of Song "Seek Ye First" (Karen Lafferty)

Allison and Malcolm

- 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Al - le - lu, Alleluia!*

Refrain: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2. *Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Al - le - lu, Alleluia!*

3. *We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Al - le - lu, Alleluia!*

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Malcolm

(‘FINLANDIA’ by Jean Sibelius; arr. Richard D. Row)

- * **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

Shirley

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5: 15 - 20

Gospel Lesson: John 6: 51 - 59

Sermon: “Wisdom’s Bread”

GOD SENDS US FORTH

Hymn of Response “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

[Tune @ #546] 174 - GG

- 1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
 she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
 for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
 showing us what love must do.*
- 2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
 crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
 full of glory, truth and grace.
When the Word takes root and ripens
 peace and righteousness embrace.*
- 3. Sister Wisdom, come assist us;
 nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
 bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
 holy friends of God and earth.*

Benediction

Postlude “A Parting Blessing” (Liebergen/Shafferman)

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