



# Burlington

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

### WE APPROACH GOD

O Spirit of the living God,  
be among us now  
to fill us with awe and amazement  
at the wonder of creation and creativity.  
Call to us that we may hear your voice in beauty,  
in witness, in song, and in prayer,  
and respond with all that we have to offer:  
body, mind, soul, and spirit.  
Amen.

**Prelude** "In Caeli Immensi Narrano" Linda  
(“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” - Psalm 19/ Benedetto Marcello - 18th C)

**Welcome and Announcements** Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

### WE PRAISE GOD

**Call to Worship**

\* **Hymn of Praise** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” 20 - GG

**REFRAIN:** *All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

1. *Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.*
2. *The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:*
3. *The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.*
4. *God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

## Prayer of Approach

### Responsive Reading      Psalm 8 – a paraphrase by James Taylor

LEADER:    O God, our God, how wonderful you are!  
              How majestic is your name in all the earth.

PEOPLE:    **We look to the skies, and we see you there.  
              Babies and infants open their mouths,  
              and we hear them cry your name.**

LEADER:    Compared to you, our inventions and weapons,  
              our power to create and to destroy,  
              dwindle into insignificance.

PEOPLE:    **On starry nights,  
              with your glory splashed across the heavens,  
              we gaze into your infinite universe, and wonder:  
              Who are we? Why do we matter?  
              Why do you care about us mere mortals?**

LEADER:    We humans are less than specks of dust  
              in your universe. We have existed less than  
              a second in the great clock of creation.  
              Yet you choose us as your partners.

PEOPLE:    **You have made us only a little lower than yourself.  
              You share the secrets of the universe with us.  
              You give us a special place in your household.**

LEADER:    You entrust the care of the earth to us –  
              sheep and cattle and all animals, birds and plants,  
              and even creatures we have never seen  
              that dwell in the depths of the seas.

ALL:        **O God, our God, how wonderful you are!  
              How majestic is your name in all the earth.  
              Amen.**

A Gift of Song      “Across the Lands” (Keith Gerry and Stuart Townsend) Gina

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

### Prayers of the People of God

The Offering “Komm, Gott Schoepfer, Heiliger Geist”  
 (“Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit”. JS Bach)

\* Offertory Prayer “Lord of All Good” (verse 1) 711 - GG

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will. Amen.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### The Scriptures

Allison Thornton

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 49: 13 - 16a

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6: 25 - 34

Sermon: “Birds and Lilies”

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” 23 - GG

*1. God, you spin the whirling planets,  
fill the seas and spread the plain,  
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,  
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in your image,  
would a true reflection be  
of your justice, grace, and mercy  
and the truth that makes us free.*

2. *You have called us to be faithful  
in our life and ministry.  
We respond in grateful worship  
joined in one community.  
When we blur your gracious image,  
focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as your people,  
we move onward toward your goal.*
  
3. *God, your word is still creating,  
calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion.  
Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in your image,  
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere*

## Benediction

Postlude      “All Creatures of Our God and King”  
(Geistliche Kirchengesaeng; arr. Ken Medema)