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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

All-embracing God,
you love everyone as your children.
Here we are on this World Communion Sunday:
different people from different homes and backgrounds
but united in faith and in our devotion to you.
Join us with our sisters and brothers around the world
as we sing your praise and eat at Christ's table,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Prelude "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" (Joseph Barnby; arr. Ovid Young) Linda
Welcome and Announcements Dave
Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** "God Is Here!" 409 - GG

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*
- 3. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

Prayer of Approach “A Prayer for World Communion Sunday”

LEADER: Creator God, we thank you for calling us as stewards.
Open our eyes to the intricacies of creation.
Help us feel the textures of the world.
Unstop our ears that we may hear your Word.
Breathe into us the sweet aromas of life,
that we may taste the fruits of your promise even now;

PEOPLE: **Even now, O God, even in Africa:**
where your church grows rapidly and faith is exuberant;
where a bright mosaic of culture
shows the world the vibrancy of your love,
but where there is also pain, and famine, and thirst;
where violent unrest and ethnic strife destroy many lives
and the unity of your Spirit is fractured.

LEADER: Help us to stand with those who suffer,
to respond when we are called, to give in appropriate ways
so that wells will not run dry, creeping deserts may be
slowed, and the chains of despair may be removed.
Help us to share gospel, that your realm may be realized,
even now;

PEOPLE: **Even now, O God, even in Asia; a land so vast,**
so deeply rooted in tradition; where your church
is small but where religion is great.
Gentle Asia, beautiful Asia, troubled Asia.

LEADER: God of wisdom, teach us respect. Help us to learn
from those who express their faiths in different ways.
Deepen our understanding of tradition and prayer.
Awaken us to systemic issues that increase despair and
prolong poverty. Guide us in responsible stewardship,
that your reign may embrace the whole world, even now;

PEOPLE: **Even now, O God, even in the Middle East:**
the cradle of the church, the birthplace of our Lord,
the land we call holy: where the pain of the cross
is so vivid; where the dry earth is watered
by the tears of its children.

LEADER: Show us again we cannot feed the hungry with threats.
We cannot quench thirst with religious intolerance.
We cannot build for the future on sands of hate.
Lift us above strife. Infuse us with mutual respect,
that the captives might be freed, that the frightened might
be comforted. Lift us, loving God, as you lifted the stone
from Jesus' tomb. Make us joyous witnesses of
resurrection. Show us your grace, even now;

PEOPLE: **Even now, O God, even in Europe: Europe and its
magnificent Christian heritage; where art, music, and
architecture inspire generation upon generation
with the beauty and the majesty of your gospel message;
where there is also poverty and violence, displaced and
desperate people struggling toward an uncertain future.**

LEADER: God of grace, help us to believe and trust in your way.
Point us toward the pathway of peace. Answer Jesus'
prayer that all may be one in him, even now;

PEOPLE: **Even now, O God, even in Latin America; where your
church struggles valiantly for the weak and the poor,
and where martyrs are made; in Latin America, so rich
in the bounties of creation, so misused by outsiders;
where the Church has made mistakes in your name
and brought a gospel soiled with our greed.**

LEADER: Your servants in Latin America teach us by example.
Kindle within our hearts our own integrity of faith.
Inspire within us a new sense of your church.
Make us aware that through such commitment,
your peace and justice will be revealed, not in some
distant time and place, but also right now, right here;

PEOPLE: **Here, O God, in North America, even here; where
so much affluence hides so much poverty and disease;
North America, the sometimes-hollow land,
with so much to give.**

LEADER: Make us bold in your Spirit, but humble in our work.
Help us share your grace in word and deed.
Help us assume the servant's role as Jesus did.

LEADER: Help us to put ourselves in others' shoes, sandals, and moccasins, and to walk in the footsteps of those whose feet are bare and calloused.
Here, O God, and throughout all the earth,
we trust in your abiding care. And we pledge ourselves
once more to a deepened commitment in your name.
Amen.

Adapted from One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A Gift of Song “One at the Feast” (Pamela Martin/Craig Courtney)
Allison and Malcolm

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering “Herzlich thut mich verlangen”
("O, Sacred Head" - J.S. 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 Sharyn Kreuger

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 38 - 48

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 29

Sermon: “Examine Yourselves”

* Communion Hymn “One Bread, One Body” 530 - GG

*REFRAIN: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. *Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man no more.*

*REFRAIN: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

2. *Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.*

*REFRAIN: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "One Bread, One Body" 530 - GG

*REFRAIN: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

3. *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.*

*REFRAIN: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Benediction

Postlude "Wondrous Love" (Southern Folk Hymn) Allison