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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

O God, we are yours.
We come in humility. We come in wonder.
We come in faith, trusting that the presence
of your life-giving spirit
will transform our act of worship
into an offering worthy
of the King of Kings.
Amen.

Prelude “Fanfare on ‘Soli Deo Gloria’ Linda
 (“To God Alone Be Glory” - Marty Haugen; arr. Mark Himmelman)

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 268 - GG

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*
- 2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*
- 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

4. *Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity*

Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading “Called to be Church” - by Kate Compston

LEADER: Our God, you call us to be Church:

PEOPLE: enable us to create –
across cultural, age and class boundaries –
a laboratory of peace, testing out your vision
of community and love
as we struggle to live with our differences.

LEADER: Our God, you call us to be Church:

PEOPLE: enable us to be a parable of the Kingdom,
allowing the upside-down values
of your commonwealth
to nudge us away from the acquisitive
and self-serving attitudes of our day.

LEADER: Our God, you call us to be Church:

PEOPLE: enable us to be a sign of contradiction
among the nations,
pointing to hope in the midst of disillusionment,
offering non-violent resistance when evil threatens,
accepting loss of prestige or wealth
in the cause of justice.

LEADER: Our God, you call us to be Church:

PEOPLE: enable us to be a place of welcome and warmth,
where what is ignored elsewhere
may be heard and honoured,
where sorrows may be shared and stories told,
where hard questions may be asked
and new ideas greeted with joy.

LEADER: Our God, you call us to be Church:

All: enable us to be a community of praise,
cracking open the dry husks
of cynicism and despair,
being clowns and jesters for Christ,
celebrating the mystery of faith
in stillness and in song. Amen.

A Gift of Song "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Lisa
(Psalm 23/ Irish traditional; arr. John Rutter)

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering "The Unveiled Christ" (N.B. Herrell) Gina

[Dedicated to Lorne/Larry in BC who suggested it and was supposed to sing it!]

* 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 Barbara

Hebrew Lesson: 2 Samuel 23: 1 - 5

Gospel Lesson: John 18: 33 - 37

Sermon: "Famous Last Words"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision" 450 - GG

1. *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

2. *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

3. *Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

4. *High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Benediction

Postlude

“I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength”

(Benedetto Marcello; arr. E.P. Biggs)