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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

Mountain top and dreary plain, startling Presence,
depth of God-given truth and human questions,
close companionship and solitary journey,
success and failure, light and darkness -
all these are gifts, O God, if we will but see:
resources of the Kingdom, steps along the way,
moments of insight,
transfiguring our life, our work, our hope.
Amen.

Prelude “Where’er You Walk” (G.F. Handel/arr. Clair Johnson)
Bev, flute

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

* Hymn of Praise “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” 181 - GG
[Tune @ #396]

- 1. We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

- 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.*

*3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading Psalm 99 – a paraphrase by James Taylor

LEADER: Like a halo of holiness,
the spirit of God envelopes the earth.
In the deep stillness of space,
in the emptiness of infinity,
God's spirit creates life.

PEOPLE: **Great is our Creator, and worthy of praise!**

LEADER: Look up, if you would see God; raise your sights
beyond the repetitive routines of daily living.
Look up, and see the mysterious beauty
of all creation.

PEOPLE: **Holy and awesome is God!**

LEADER: God embodies all that is right and good.
Whatever is true, noble, and just,
whatever is pure, lovely, and admirable
comes from God.

PEOPLE: **God is too wonderful for us to grasp!**

LEADER: We also know God through the lives
of those who came this way before us.
Step by step they searched,
until God found them.

PEOPLE: **Come, let us kneel and bow down in worship.**

LEADER: By pillar of fire and by whispering breeze,
by bonfire and whirlwind, by prophecy and
parable, they learned to walk in God's way.

PEOPLE: **When we stumble, forgive us, O God,
even as you forgave them.**

LEADER: So come, and let us pledge our allegiance to God.
Let us gather at the foot of the mountain,
where even the rocks reach up towards God.

PEOPLE: **Holy and awesome is our God!**

ALL: **Amen.**

A Gift of Song "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" (Psalm 103/Georges Bizet)
Allison, Lisa, Sharyn

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering "Walk by Faith" (J. Paul Williams/Joel Raney)
Allison, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm

* Offertory Prayer "As Those of Old" (verse 3) 712 - GG

*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done. Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures Malcolm

Hebrew Lesson: Exodus 34 :29 - 35

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9: 28 - 36

Sermon: "Mountains and Valleys"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Swiftly Pass the Clouds” [Tune at #181] 190 - GG

1. *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven’s voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit’s rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.*
2. *Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Saviour
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith’s resilience
through betrayal, pain and loss.*
3. *Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life’s intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary’s hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.*

Benediction

Postlude “The Light of the World” with “This Little Light of Mine”

(Bliss/Spiritual/ arr. Beka Wilson)

Bev, flute

