



# Burlington

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## Baptist Church

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3. *Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

\* **Prayer of Confession and Approach** [In Unison]

We admit, O God, that we have sinned against you.  
Like the prodigal son in Jesus' parable,  
we squander the rich inheritance that is ours.  
And like the elder son,  
we become green-eyed with jealousy when you throw your arms  
around those who are different from us.  
We are quick to see the faults of others,  
but don't recognize our own brokenness.  
Yet, in spite of our sin, you run to us and embrace us,  
and welcome us into your house.  
There are no limitations on your love.  
Everything you have is ours.  
You receive us with your compassion,  
and treat us as your sons and daughters.  
Thank you, O God, for your unfailing love and grace. Amen.

**A Gift of Song**      "Psalm to the Saviour"      (Pepper Choplin)  
Gina, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm

**Responsive Reading**      Psalm 32 - a paraphrase by Leslie F. Brandt

**LEADER:** Those who know the meaning of forgiveness,  
whose past failures no longer plague them,  
who stand blameless and guilt-free before God,  
are rich indeed.

**PEOPLE:** When we try to handle our own guilt,  
by ignoring it, rationalizing it,  
or running away from it,  
our lives are squeezed dry, leaving us empty.

**LEADER:** But when we face up to our failures  
and confess them to God,  
we experience the blessed meaning of forgiveness.

**PEOPLE:** Thus we who claim faith in a loving God  
need to cling to God's acceptance and concern.  
Times of darkness will come,  
but we will not be destroyed by these things.

**LEADER:** The faithful and the faithless both suffer  
the uncertainties and insecurities of this life,  
but the children of God can depend always  
on the love of their Father.

**PEOPLE:** For this reason, there is light even in our darkness,  
incomprehensible joy even in the midst of sorrow,

**ALL:** and we can always find a measure of well-being  
no matter the circumstances of our lives. Amen.

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

**The Offering** "I Have Loved You" (Jer. 31:3, Ps. 24:3/Michael Joncas)

Gina, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm

\* **Offertory Prayer** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" 716 - GG

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Amen.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**The Scriptures**

Gina

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15: 1 - 3a, 11b - 32

**Sermon:** "Joy in the House!"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

80 - GG

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy!*

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
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the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy!*

\* Benediction

\* Tenebrae - the fourth purple candle is extinguished

Postlude

“Rise On Up” (Sharon Allen, arr. Larry Allen)

Sharon and Larry

\* Please stand as you are able