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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

God of life and grace,
you give us a world to enjoy;
we want to live responsibly in it.
You give us the raw materials of life;
we want to create a life which is good.
You give us skills, talents and abilities;
we want to use them for the good of all.
Lord, turn our wanting into longing,
and our longing into action.
Amen.

Prelude

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
(17th C English Melody; arr. Phillip Keveren)

Linda

Welcome and Announcements

Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

* Invitation to Worship

* Hymn of Praise "Crashing Waters at Creation" (Tune @ #83) 476 - GG

1. *Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.*
2. *Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage:
channel to a life made new.*

3. *Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the One foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.*

4. *Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness; make us whole.*

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading "Like a Healing Stream" by Bruce Harding

LEADER: Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,

PEOPLE: God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...

ALL: Like a healing stream.

LEADER: Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,

PEOPLE: God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need...

ALL: Like a gentle rain.

LEADER: Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,

PEOPLE: God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war...

ALL: Like a river strong.

LEADER: Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,

PEOPLE: God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow;
God will always challenge and provide!

ALL: Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.
Amen.

A Gift of Song "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Gina and Lisa
(Cecil Alexander/Sonny Salsbury)

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

A Gift of Music "Wide as the Ocean/There Shall be Showers of Blessing"
(C. Austin Miles and James McGranahan)

* **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

Marjorie

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 2: 4b - 15

Gospel Lesson: John 4: 5 - 15

Sermon: "Season of Creation - WATER"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

- * Hymn of Response “Once a Woman Seeking Water”
(Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette - Tune: BEACH SPRING)

1. *Once a woman seeking water at a well not far from home
met a thirsty, waiting stranger from a people not her own.
Would she give a drink of water and respond to human need?
Could she know the joy and wonder she, the giver,
would receive?*
2. *She drew water for the thirsty; Jesus offered something more:
Living water, God's own mercy, love abundant, freely poured.
One, a blessing for the body; one, a blessing for the soul!
Both are gifts of our Creator - gifts that help to make us whole.*
3. *Still God's people carry water
from their wells and mountain streams.
Still at rivers, women gather, sharing labour, sharing dreams.
Still a cup of water given in a dry and weary place
Is a blessing overflowing from the fountain of God's grace.*
4. *God, we ask your richest favour on the work we seek to do;
May we gladly share clean water and your living water, too.
May we see the face of Jesus, and how far your love extends,
in the ones we call our partners - no more strangers,
now our friends.*

- * Benediction

Postlude "This Is My Father's World"
(Franklin Sheppard; arr. Rebecca Moore)