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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 "Come, You Thankful People, Come" George and Linda
(Tune: "St George's Windsor" by George Elvey; arr. Lani Smith)

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

* Invitation to Worship

Hymn of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth" 14 - GG

*1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:*

*Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, Refrain:*

3. *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,* *Refrain:*

4. *For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:* *Refrain:*

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading Psalm 65 - a paraphrase by James Taylor

LEADER: We can't put it off any longer, O God.
We come longingly and humbly to you,
because we have all fallen short of your expectations.
We have all missed the mark.

PEOPLE: **But you have not held our failures against us.
We stumbled, and you picked us up;
we were sinking, and you helped us swim.**

LEADER: You treat us with honour and respect.
You make us welcome. It is more than we dare ask,
more than we could ever expect.

PEOPLE: **We have no right to such kindness.
You are the Creator of the world.
You push mountains into ranges;
you calm the raging oceans;
you spin the earth on its axis.**

LEADER: Before you, we are as insignificant as ants,
parading our puny armies.
If you stamp your feet, we will be squashed.

PEOPLE: **We boast of our science and technology, but by
ourselves we cannot make a single seed sprout;
we cannot shape a single raindrop.**

LEADER: We destroy, but only you create life.
Through the cycle of the seasons, with reckless
generosity, you share the wealth of the earth.

PEOPLE: As drops of dew gather into rushing streams,
so our small thoughts gather
into a gush of gratitude.
The whole world celebrates your goodness.

LEADER: Like dolphins dancing through the waves,
like antelope prancing through long grass,
the whole earth leaps in exuberant gratitude.

ALL: And together we raise our voices
in thanksgiving and praise! Amen.

A Gift of Song "He's Got the Whole World" with
"This Is My Father's World" (Setting by Joel Raney)
Allison, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

A Gift of Music "Prayer of Thanksgiving" George and Linda
(Netherlands Folk Song; arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad)

* **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

Barbara

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 4: 7 - 11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18: 9 - 14

Sermon: "Good Stewards"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

757 - GG

- 1. Today we are all called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captives free, make plow-share out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*
- 2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*
- 3. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*
- 4. May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

* Benediction

Postlude

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

(Karen Lafferty; arr. Mark Zeeman)