



Burlington

Baptist Church

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Celebrating **70** Years of God's Faithfulness

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

God of all ages,
you have travelled with your people
in this place through the past 70 years.
You have shared moments of joy and times of despair.
Be with us now as we,
like those faithful believers who have gone before us,
and those who will come after us,
join in gratitude to sing your praise.
Amen.

Prelude	"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (Henry Purcell)	Linda
Welcome and Announcements		Dave
Prayer and Preparation		

WE PRAISE GOD

* Invitation to Worship

Hymn of Praise	"Loving God of All Creation" (Sharyn Kreuger/Glenn Alan Mallory) written for the 50 th Anniversary of BBC	cover - ST
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- Loving God of all creation,
God of earth and sea and sky,
all your works proclaim your glory,
your great gifts we can't deny.
May we always be rejoicing,
may we always give you praise.
God who gave us all of this grandeur,
help us follow in your ways.*

2. *For the faith of those before us,
who lived in your holy grace,
for the love and prayer and courage
that have brought us to this place.
May we always be remembering,
may we always hold them dear.
Just as you did lead and guide them,
so we feel your Spirit here.*

3. *There are folk who stand here among us,
with the wisdom of all their years
who have learned to cling to your promise
through their happiness and tears.
May we always hold them honoured,
may they always share their skill.
God who led them in their journey,
help us, too, to do your will.*

4. *In this universe ever-changing
help us learn from those who are young.
Give us vision, hope and beauty
in the songs yet to be sung.
May we always live together
in love and joy and peace.
Loving God of all creation,
your great love will never cease.*

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading

Psalm 84 - from The Inclusive Bible

Deborah

LEADER: How I love your dwelling place, O God!
How my soul yearns and pines for your courts.

PEOPLE: My heart and my flesh sing for joy,
to you, the living God.

LEADER: The sparrow has found its home at last,
the swallow a nest for its young -
on your altars, my Sovereign, my God.

PEOPLE: **Happiness belongs to those who live in your house
where they can praise you all day long.**

LEADER: As they journey through the Valley of the Weeper,
they make it a place of springs,
clothed in blessings from the early rain.

PEOPLE: **From there they make their way
from village to village
until each one appears before God in Zion.**

LEADER: God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
Listen, O God of our ancestors!

PEOPLE: **O God our shield, show us your favour
and look upon the face of your Anointed -**

LEADER: for a single day in your courts
is worth more than a thousand anywhere else;

PEOPLE: **Better to be a humble doorkeeper in God's house
than to live richly in the tents of the corrupt.**

LEADER: You, O God, are my sun and my shield,
bestowing grace and glory.

ALL: **You withhold nothing good, O God,
from those whose walk is blameless.
Happy are those who put their trust in you! Amen.**

A Gift of Song "Come, Follow Me" Allison, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm
(Sharyn Kreuger/Glenn Alan Mallory)
written for the 60th Anniversary of BBC

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

A Gift of Music "Love Grows Here" (Don Besig) 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

Elizabeth

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Gospel Lesson: John 15: 1 - 17

Sermon: "This Church, Our Home" The Rev. Deborah Dempsey

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "Faith Begins by Letting Go" 684 - GG
[Tune @ #14 - DIX]

*1. Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.*

(over)

2. *Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.*

3. *Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.*

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Don't Look Back" Allison, Lisa, Gina, Sharyn, Malcolm
(Joseph Martin and Elizabeth Mills, based on Luke 9:62/ Joseph Martin)

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As we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our church today,
we offer a special word of welcome to our guest preacher,
The Reverend Deborah Dempsey, B.A, M.Div.

Since 2008, Deborah has served as Minister to First Baptist Church, Brantford, Ontario. She had previously served as Minister of First Baptist Church, Ottawa (1996-2008). A graduate of McMaster University and McMaster Divinity College, Deborah was ordained in MacNeill Baptist Church, Hamilton, in 1984.

Prior to her ministries, Deborah was a teacher at a private high school in Ottawa (1993-1995), and a professor in the School of English at Sheridan College (1980-1993). During this time, she held several interim ministry positions. From 1980-1985, she also served as Hospital Visitor for the Niagara-Hamilton Baptist Association.