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The Kids



Were in the Cradle

Mother's Day

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

Each day we are given a new start:
when we wake, a new morning is breaking forth,
and we are called to contemplate what we shall do with it.
As a mother raises her children then lets them go,
so we pause that God's Spirit may raise us
to let us go out into service in our world.

Be blessed as we are drawn to God by the music of the Prelude!

Prelude "You are Mine" Linda
(David Haas; arr. Mark Hayes)

Welcome and Announcements Sylvia

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship - responsive

LEADER: To worship is
to quicken the conscience by the Holiness of God,
to feed the mind with the truth of God,
to purge the imagination by the beauty of God,
to open the heart to the love of God,
and to devote the will to the purpose of God.

PEOPLE: And so we come
to lift our minds and our souls
to that which is worthy in the sight of God,
and to gain strength in community,
for living lives of eternal quality
in the Spirit of God.

1. *Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*
2. *Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*
3. *Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

* Prayer of Approach

A Gift of Song "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Sanctuary Choir
(Job and 1 Corinthians/Craig Courtney)

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer - an adaptation, responsive

LEADER: Holy God, Spirit of Care & Compassion,
may that Love by which you are known,
like a Mother's love, be hallowed in all the earth.

PEOPLE: May the holiness, the idealism, the potential,
and the peace of heaven,

LEADER: come to all the earth.

PEOPLE: Help us to be appreciative of what is beautiful,
and responsive to what is good;

LEADER: Make us quick to see and ready to encourage
whatever brings a Divine meaning
into what otherwise might be the common round
of an uninspired day.

PEOPLE: **Let us seek out the positive among the negative,
the good among the seemingly discarded and neglected,
the opportunity for service to those in need.**

LEADER: Help us to believe that the ideals of Your Spirit
are not far-off dreams,

PEOPLE: **but a power for us to lift up, and to be caring,
in our own real worlds.**

LEADER: Give us this day our daily bread.

PEOPLE: **Make us grateful for what we have,**

LEADER: and fill us with active pity for the millions who hunger,
for the homeless and displaced,
for the sick and the suffering,
for all of those who live with little hope,
and who need the skills and materials
which You have led us to discover
for their help and healing.

PEOPLE: **While mindful of the needs of others,
keep us also free from *anxiety*
over meeting our own daily needs.**

LEADER: And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us when we have thought only of ourselves
to the disadvantage of others, when we have failed
to conduct ourselves in caring and compassionate ways,**

LEADER: when we have sought power and privilege
at the expense of others, when we have failed to attempt
to understand the situations of others,

PEOPLE: when we have been unworthily impatient
and inconsiderate,
when we have been unjustly judgmental.

LEADER: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PEOPLE: Let us not be overcome by the temptations
which are along our paths,
but given the strength of our deeper convictions
to pursue what is good and beautiful,
no matter the cost.

LEADER: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

PEOPLE: Goodness and mercy can prevail

ALL: for ever and ever. Amen

Offering Invitation

* Offering Hymn "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" 286 - GG

*1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Gina

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 66: 8 - 20

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 15 - 21

Sermon: "The Kids Were in the Cradle"

Rev. Gary Caldwell

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” 250 - GG

1. *In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

2. *There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

3. *In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

* Benediction

Postlude

"When Mothers of Salem"

(Wm Hutchings/Methfessel's Songbook, 1818)

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We extend our sincere thanks to the Rev. Gary Caldwell
for leading our Worship this morning

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