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FAITHFUL *and*
INCLUSIVE

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

Just as each of us has one body with many members -
and these members don't have the same function -
so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body.
And as members of that one body, we belong to each other.
Romans 12: 4 & 5

Prelude Variations sur “Lasst uns erfreuen” Linda
 (“Let Us Rejoice” - Denis Bedard)
Welcome and Announcements Dave
Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “Let Us Build a House” 301 - GG

1. *Let us build a house where love can dwell
 and all can safely live,
 a place where saints and children tell
 how hearts learn to forgive.
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
 rock of faith and vault of grace;
 here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

REFRAIN: *all are welcome; all are welcome;
 all are welcome in this place.*

2. *Let us build a house where prophets speak
 and words are strong and true,
 where all God's children dare to seek
 to dream God's reign anew.
 Here the cross shall stand as witness
 and a symbol of God's grace;
 here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:*

REFRAIN:

3. *Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: REFRAIN:*
4. *Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: REFRAIN:*
5. *Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: REFRAIN:*

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading "A Litany for Inclusion" - by Rev. Martie McMane

LEADER: Our God is a Great Weaver,
who from the loom of diverse human experience
weaves different colors, textures, shapes, sizes,
and abilities together, creating one beautiful
work of art we call humanity.

PEOPLE: Because God has welcomed us,
we are to welcome one another.
In the Body of Christ we are given opportunities
to learn from each other's trials and triumphs,
and to share in each other's struggles and joys.

ALL: **Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love.**

LEADER: Today is a day to celebrate the inclusion of all,
a day when we celebrate unity in the Body of Christ,
a day when we remember that we are all different,
and different does not mean deficient,
it simply means different; and we belong together,
because we all belong to God.

PEOPLE: **Some of us communicate in different ways.
Some of us see differently.
Some of us struggle with issues of mental health.
Some of us hear better than others.**

LEADER: Some of us are in recovery from addiction.
Some of us are still discovering who we are.
Some of us are proud to be "queer."
All of us are beautiful in unique ways.

ALL: **Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love.**

LEADER: Each with disabilities;
we all know limitations and challenge.
Each with abilities;
we all seek fulfillment and wholeness.
We all are vulnerable and seek the shelter
of an inclusive community. We all are transformed
by invitation, access, inclusion and affirmation.

PEOPLE: **Each of us has a gift to offer.
Each of us provides a unique perspective.
Each of us longs for affirmation, acceptance,
and empowerment.
Each of us is a beautiful strand
in the tapestry of God's love.**

ALL: Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love. Amen.

A Gift of Song

"Thou Art God"
(David Adam/Lionel Bourne)

Allison

Sunday Morning Friends

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

- * Offering Hymn "Ask, Seek, Knock"
(Music by Gary Rand/Words from Matthew 7:7)

*Ask, and it will be given; seek, and you will find.
Knock, and the door will be open.
These are the gifts of God.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Crystal

Epistle Lesson: Acts 10: 1 - 16

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7: 1 - 12

Sermon: "Faithful and Inclusive"

- * Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" 530 - GG

REFRAIN: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. *Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.* **REFRAIN:**

2. *Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.* *REFRAIN:*

3. *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.* *REFRAIN:*

Celebration of Communion

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful” [Tune @ #20]
(Adam M.L. Tice)

*REFRAIN: Quirky, queer, and wonderful, distinct, unique, and odd...
all of our humanity reveals the face of God.*

1. *No "normal" can encompass or comprehend the range
of all the kinds of people that God created strange!*
2. *From Jesus we learn riddles; he said the last are first.
He tweaked received religion with roles that he reversed.*
3. *To Peter, God presented untouchable cuisine
and said, "Do not call dirty what I declare is clean."*
4. *In Christ the false divisions of gender, class, and race,
can never separate us from God's abundant grace.*
5. *The many parts that form us each serve a different role.
In Christ, we are one body, made holy, good, and whole.*

* Benediction

Postlude "Let Us Rejoice" (Denis Bedard)