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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

In the clash and clamour of life, loving God,
we come into the peace of your presence.
In the harsh and forbidding pain
so often known in our world,
we draw near to hear
your still, small voice of healing and grace.
Gracious God, may the peace of your presence
and the voice of your grace
give us power and strength to meet the pain of the world.
Amen.

Prelude "Goodness of God" Charlotte

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise "Open Up the Heavens"
"10,000 Reasons" Charlotte

*We've waited for this day,
we're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth.*

You're the reason we're here, You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens. We want to see You,
Open up the floodgates,
A mighty river flowing from Your heart,
filling every part of our praise*

*Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky,
Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now,
Lord unveil our eyes.*

You're the reason we're here, You're the reason we're singing.

*So open up the heavens. We want to see You,
Open up the floodgates,
A mighty river flowing from Your heart,
filling every part of our praise*

*Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory, Lord.*

*Open up the heavens. We want to see you
Open up the floodgates,
a mighty river flowing from Your heart,
filling every part of our praise*

"10,000 Reasons"

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my Soul, O my soul,
Worship God's holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship God's holy name*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Refrain*

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
You're name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Refrain*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Then thousand years and then forevermore
Refrain*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading

Psalm 99 – a paraphrase by James Taylor

LEADER: Like a halo of holiness,
the spirit of God envelopes the earth.
In the deep stillness of space,
in the emptiness of infinity,
God's spirit creates life.

PEOPLE: **Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

LEADER: Look up, if you would see God; raise your sights
beyond the repetitive routines of daily living.
Look up, and see the mysterious beauty
of all creation.

PEOPLE: **Holy and awesome is God!**

LEADER: God embodies all that is right and good.
Whatever is true, noble, and just,
whatever is pure, lovely, and admirable
comes from God.

PEOPLE: **God is too wonderful for us to grasp!**

LEADER: We also know God through the lives
of those who came this way before us.
Step by step they searched,
until God found them.

PEOPLE: **Come, let us kneel and bow down in worship.**

LEADER: By pillar of fire and by whispering breeze,
by bonfire and whirlwind, by prophecy and
parable, they learned to walk in God's way.

PEOPLE: When we stumble, forgive us, O God,
even as you forgave them.

LEADER: So come, and let us pledge our allegiance to God.
Let us gather at the foot of the mountain,
where even the rocks reach up towards God.

PEOPLE: Holy and awesome is our God!

ALL: Amen.

* **A Gift of Music** "Thanksgiving Medley" (arr. Jason W. Krug)
Bells of Praise and George, piano

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Expression

* **Offering Song** "Reckless Love" **Charlotte**

Before I spoke a word. You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, you breathed your life in me
You have been so kind to me

Refrain: Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me
Refrain

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Barbara

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 8

Sermon: *“I Always Thank God for You”*

GOD SENDS US FORTH

Worship Song of Response “Blessed Be Your Name”

Charlotte

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name.

Refrain: Every blessing You pour out,

I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me

When the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name.

Refrain

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord, blessed be Your name

* **Benediction**

Postlude

"Indescribable"

Charlotte