



Burlington

Baptist Church

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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 71 years.
You have shared moments of joy and times of despair.

Be with us now as we,
like those faithful saints who have gone before us,
and those who will come after us,
join in gratitude to sing your praise.

Amen.

Prelude “The Homecoming” (Hagood Hardy) George

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” 305 - GG

- 1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now,
and praise the Lord!*
- 2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now,
and praise the Lord!*

3. *Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now,
and praise the Lord!*
4. *Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now,
and praise the Lord!*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading

Declaration of Faith

by Ann Weems

LEADER: We believe in God, in Jesus Christ,
in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

PEOPLE: We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us
to worship as a community,
to become a church family.

LEADER: We believe the Holy Spirit works through
men and women, ministers and wiggly children,
ringing bells and live-streaming, and silence,
drama and the unexpected, choirs and soloists,

PEOPLE: touching and praying, spontaneity and planning,
faith and doubt, tears and laughter,
leading and supporting, hugging and kneeling,
dancing and stillness, applauding and giving,

LEADER: creativity and plodding, words and listening,
holding and letting go, "thank you" and "help me,"

PEOPLE: Scripture and alleluias,
agonizing and celebrating, accepting and caring,
through you and through me, through Love.

LEADER: We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community
of dancing, hand-holding people
where lines of age and politics and lifestyle
are crossed.

PEOPLE: We believe in praising God for life!
We believe in responding to God's grace
by showing love and justice to all people.

LEADER: We believe in the poetry within each of us.
We believe in dreams and visions.

PEOPLE: We believe in the Kindom of God within us.
We believe in Love.

ALL: We believe, O God... help our unbelief. Amen.

A Gift of Song "All That I Am" (William Himes) Women's Chorus

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

* Offering Hymn "O God in Whom All Life Begins" 308 - GG

1. *O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.*
2. *Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.*
3. *Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Marjorie

Epistle Lesson: Acts 2: 42 - 47

Hebrew Lesson: Ecclesiastes 4: 9 - 12

Sermon: *“Devoted to Community”*

Rev. Junia Joplin

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” 306 - GG

1. *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*
2. *Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*
3. *We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*
4. *When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*
5. *From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

* Benediction

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

(Johann, Cruger; setting by John Carter)