



# Burlington

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

\* You are invited to stand.

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

God of justice, encircle the earth  
and let all people live in harmony.  
Prince of Peace, heal our broken souls  
and let all people live in harmony.  
Spirit of reconciliation,  
breathe your gentleness on all creation  
and let all people live in harmony.  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
fill our imaginations with images  
of the world as you intend,  
and let all people live in harmony and peace.  
Amen.

**Prelude** “From Everlasting (Psalm 90)” (Lisa Clow and Lacy Hudson)

Emily

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

**Invitation to Worship**

\* **Hymn of Praise** “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” 366 - GG

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.*

2. *Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.*
  
3. *Come, almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*
  
4. *Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.*

\* Prayer of Approach

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading

“Psalm 90” (Selected verses.)

LEADER: O God, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.  
Before the mountains were born,  
or before you had formed the earth and the world,  
you are God without beginning or end.

**PEOPLE:** You turn humankind back into dust, and say,  
“Turn back, you creatures of the earth!”  
For in your sight a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

**LEADER:** You sweep us away like a dream,  
fleeting as the grass that springs up in the morning;  
in the morning it sprouts;  
but by evening it has withered and died.

**PEOPLE:** The span of our life is but seventy years -  
perhaps eighty if we are strong -  
but the best of those years  
are nothing but sorrow and pain;  
they pass swiftly, and we are gone.

**LEADER:** So, teach us to number our days -  
make us realize how short life is -  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**ALL:** Let your work be seen by your faithful,  
your glory be witnessed by your children.  
Let your favour rest upon us, O God,  
and grant success to the work of our hands -  
success to the work of our hands! Amen.

**A Gift of Song** “Speak, O Lord” (Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend) Gina

**Sunday Morning Friends**

**Prayers of the People of God**

\* **Offering Hymn** “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us” 44 - GG

1. *Like a mother who has borne us,  
held us close in her delight,  
fed us freely from her body,  
God has cal - led us into life.*

2. *Like a father who has taught us,  
grasped our hand and been our guide,  
lifted us and healed our sorrows,  
God has wal - ked with us in life.*
  
3. *Though as children we have wandered,  
placed our trust in power and might,  
left behind our brothers, sisters,  
God still cal - ls us into life.*
  
4. *When we offer food and comfort,  
grasp our neighbour's hand in love,  
tread the path of peace and justice,  
God still wal - ks with us in life.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### The Scriptures

Miles

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Sermon: *"The Greatest of These"*

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response

"Though I May Speak"

693 - GG

1. *Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*
  
2. *Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

3. *Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”  
(THE ASH GROVE)