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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

In remembrance...
of those throughout time all over the world
who have died in war,
we pray urgently today
that all children, women and men
may become makers of peace.
God, give to your people a new challenge;
new ways to test our strength -
in sharing power, risking non-violence,
mediating your love.
Amen.

Prelude

“Peace and Harmony” (Kurt Meyer)

Barbara, Janet, Lynn and Mary on bells, Emily on piano

Welcome and Announcements

Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise**

“This is My Song”

340 - GG

- 1. This is my song, oh God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*
- 2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.*

*But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

3. *This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading

“We Remember”

LEADER: We remember the pain of conflict,
the horror of battle, and the trauma of war.
We remember that lives were lost,
families were decimated, and dreams destroyed.
We remember that the earth was ravaged,
buildings were bombed,
and human dignity was crushed.

PEOPLE: We remember, and we grieve.

LEADER: We remember that Isaiah said:
*It shall come to pass that the peoples
shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.*

PEOPLE: This is our vision:
that a world of harmony and peace
will replace our world of injustice and war.

LEADER: We remember that Jesus said:
*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.*

PEOPLE: **This is our calling: to know God's ways of peace,
and so to make peace, in our family,
our community, our nation and our world.**

LEADER: We remember that Paul said:
*In Christ God was reconciling the world...
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

PEOPLE: **This is our faith: that in Jesus,
we meet the God who makes peace
with our wayward and hurting world;
and that by this reconciling love,
we are moved to bridge the chasms of fear
and estrangement.**

ALL: May it be so in us, O God. Amen.

A Gift of Music “Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace”
(Kevin McChesney) Bells of Praise, narrated by Sharyn

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

* Offering Hymn “O Day of Peace” 373 - GG

- O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

2. *Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Sylvia

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 1 - 6, 25 - 27

Sermon: *“Remember... and Hope”*

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “For the Healing of the Nations” 346 - GG
[Tune @ #360]

1. *For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.*
2. *Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.*

3. *All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.*
4. *You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.*

* Benediction

Postlude

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
(PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS - Sebastian Temple)

Emily