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*Lent I*

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

\* You are invited to stand.

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

God of desert and cross,  
accompany us through these forty days of Lent,  
that we may face the demons, fantasies and fears  
that also accompany us;  
so that journeying  
with Jesus in desert places,  
we may, by your mercy,  
renew our commitment  
to the way of the cross.

Amen.

**Prelude**            “Variations on CWM RHONDDA”            Cameron  
(Tune: John Hughes)

**Welcome and Announcements**            Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

**Lenten Admonition**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Introit**            “To the Desert Follow Me” (Sarah Hart)

*REFRAIN: To the desert follow me,  
for I am God, who is your hope.  
To the desert follow me.*

- 1. A blessing I will give to you,  
All you who wander and who thirst.  
The desert soon will bear a spring;  
Forgiving water shall restore you.*

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for I am God, who is your hope.  
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## Invitation to Worship

\* Hymn of Praise      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”      65 - GG

1.    *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*
  
2.    *Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*
  
3.    *When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

\* Prayer of Confession and Approach

Have mercy upon us and hear our prayer, O God.  
We have failed to live in commitment to your way.  
You set your light above us and around us,  
          yet clouds of unbelief darken our days.  
Distrust wells within us; fear, not hope, is our watchword.  
Your Beloved bids us follow, but we are slow to submit.  
Without your grace we are fruitless and lifeless.  
In mercy renew us and bring us to fullness of life,  
          through Jesus the Christ, your Beloved. Amen.

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading

Psalm 25 - selected verses

LEADER: To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

PEOPLE: O God, in you we trust;  
don't let us be put to shame;  
don't let our enemies triumph over us.  
Don't let those who wait for you be put to shame;

LEADER: Make us to know your ways, O God;  
teach us your paths.  
Lead us in your truth, and teach us,  
for you are the God of our salvation.

PEOPLE: Remember your mercies, O God,  
and your love – your ancient and unwavering love!  
Pardon the sins of our youth  
and our rebellious ways;  
according to your love and kindness remember us,  
because of your goodness, O God.

LEADER: How good and upright you are, O God;  
you instruct sinners in the way.  
You lead the humble in what is right,  
and teach them the way to go.  
All your paths, O God, are full of love and faithfulness  
for those who keep your covenant.

PEOPLE: For your name's sake, O God,  
pardon our guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to us and be gracious to us,  
for we grow lonely and anguished.  
Relieve the troubles of our hearts,  
and bring us out of our distress.

LEADER: Consider our afflictions and troubles, O God,  
and forgive all our sins.  
Guard our lives, and deliver us;  
do not let us be put to shame,  
for we take refuge in you.

ALL: May integrity and goodness preserve us,  
for we hope in God. Amen.

A Gift of Song "Part of the Plan" (Natalie Sleeth)

The BBC Singers

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

\* Offering Hymn "Seek Ye First" 175 - GG

1. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*
2. *Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*
3. *You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

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Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 1: 1 - 7

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1: 9 - 15

Sermon: "Driven."

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response “When We Are Tested” [Tune @#450] 783 - GG

1. *When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.*
2. *When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.*
3. *When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for power to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.*
4. *When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.*

\* Benediction

Postlude “Adagio Cantabile” from “Sonata Pathetique”  
(Beethoven)