

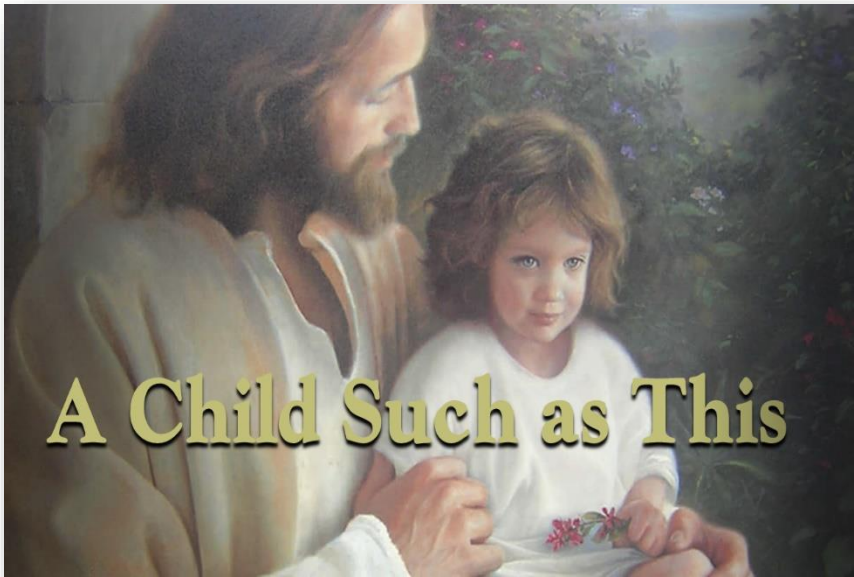


# Burlington

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*Welcome* to Burlington Baptist Church today!

\* You are invited to stand.

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

Welcoming God,  
remembering that the hands of Jesus  
blessed little children, touched lepers, broke bread,  
and bled from piercing nails,  
we commit ourselves, hands, heart and love  
to the task of healing, to welcoming strangers,  
to holding the distressed, to sharing our bread,  
and to the giving of cups of cold water,  
so that our hands, hearts and love  
may be instruments of your purpose.  
Amen.

Prelude

Spencer

Welcome and Announcements

Dave

Prayer and Preparation

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

Invitation to Worship

\* Hymn of Praise “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” [Tune @ #611 - GG]

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
- 2. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

3. *Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

\* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading      "Psalm 1" - a paraphrase by James Taylor.

LEADER:    Happy are those who refuse to be led astray.

PEOPLE:    **The lure of selfish living whispers in my ears.**

LEADER:    Opportunities to profit from another's pain  
constantly cross my path.

PEOPLE:    **Even if I avoid those traps,  
the temptation to scorn others taunts me.**

LEADER:    Happy are those who keep their eyes on the distant  
vision of how God intended life to be lived,

PEOPLE:    **who keep that vision before them,  
every step of the way.**

LEADER:    They stand like trees growing by a lake.

PEOPLE:    **Their roots go down deep, drawing strength  
from the whole history of human experience,  
waters that will never dry up.**

LEADER:    They blossom in spring and bear fruit in the fall.  
They will not wither in tough times.

PEOPLE:    **The drifters are not like that;  
their roots are as shallow as tumbleweed.**

LEADER:    In the heat of summer, they blow away in the wind.  
They have nothing to hold them upright.  
They cannot hold on when storms howl.

PEOPLE: They are neither gathered like hay  
nor picked like apples.  
They have no enduring worth or value;

LEADER: Their influence will not last long among us.  
God knows who is in the right;

PEOPLE: We will see whose work survives  
when winter comes. Amen.

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

A Gift of Song      “You Are My King”      (Billy James Foote)  
Karen, Lisa, Joanna, Kim, John, Dave

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

\* Offering Hymn      “Open My Eyes, That I May See”      451 - GG

1. *Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*
  
2. *Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

3. *Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### The Scriptures

Janet

Epistle Lesson: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7, 8

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 30 - 37

Sermon: "A Child Such as This"

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

- \* Hymn of Response "Who is Greatest in the Kindom?"  
(Words by Carolyn Gillette; Tune @ #475)

1. *"Who is greatest in the kindom?  
Who among us is the best?"  
The disciples were debating:  
"In God's reign, who will be blest?"  
Jesus, had those twelve forgotten?  
Faithful living has a cost –  
and to journey where you'd lead them,  
they would journey to the cross.*
2. *"Who is greatest in the kindom?"  
The disciples heard your call:  
"If you want to be the first one,  
you must be the last of all."  
Do not think that high position*

*is a thing that you deserve!  
"If you want to be the first, then,  
be the first to humbly serve."*

3. *"Who is greatest in the kingdom?  
Who will take the throne and reign?"  
Christ, you put a child among them,  
and you told them once again:  
"If you give a child a welcome,  
then you also welcome me."  
Faithful service, not ambition,  
builds up God's community.*

\* Benediction

Postlude

Spencer