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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

Autumn is a season of harvest,
and of contemplation and reflection
on the goodness of life.

We do look back, but we also look forward,
for each day we are given is a new start, a new challenge.

A new morning breaks forth.
We prepare ourselves for each new day and each new week
as opportunities for living and for service.

Prelude

Cameron

Welcome and Announcements

Joanna

Prayer and Preparation

Gary

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

LEADER: Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944) suggested that:
To worship is to quicken the conscience
by the Holiness of God,

PEOPLE: to feed the mind with the truth of God,
to purge the imagination by the beauty of God,
to open the heart to the love of God,
and to devote the will to the purpose of God.

LEADER: And so we come, to contemplate The Spirit of our God
to lift our minds and our souls
to that which is worthy in the Spirit of God,
and to gain strength in community,
for living lives of eternal quality in the Nature of God.

1. *Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*
2. *Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*
3. *Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

A Gift of Music

“Thank We All Our God”

The Bells of Praise

(arr. Jason W. Krug)

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer - an adaptation, responsive

LEADER: Holy God, Spirit of Care & Compassion,
may that Love by which you are known
be hallowed in all the earth.

PEOPLE: May the holiness, the idealism, the potential,
and the peace of heaven,

LEADER: come to all the earth.

PEOPLE: Help us to be appreciative of what is beautiful,
and responsive to what is good;

LEADER: Make us quick to see and ready to encourage whatever brings a Divine meaning into what otherwise might be the common round of an uninspired day.

PEOPLE: **Let us seek out the positive among the negative, the good among the seemingly discarded and neglected, the opportunity for service to those in need.**

LEADER: Help us to believe that the ideals of your Spirit are not far-off dreams,

PEOPLE: **but a power for us to lift up, and to be caring, in our own real worlds.**

LEADER: Give us this day our daily bread.

PEOPLE: **Make us grateful for what we have,**

LEADER: and fill us with active concern for the millions who hunger, for the homeless and displaced, for the sick and the suffering, for all of those who live with little hope, and who need the skills and materials which you have led us to discover for their help and healing.

PEOPLE: **While mindful of the needs of others, keep us also free from *anxiety and stress* over meeting our own daily needs.**

LEADER: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us when we have thought only of ourselves to the disadvantage of others and of creation; when we have failed to conduct ourselves in caring and compassionate ways,**

LEADER: when we have sought power and privilege
at the expense of others, when we have failed to
attempt to understand the situations of others,

PEOPLE: when we have been unworthily impatient
and inconsiderate,
when we have been unjustly judgmental.

LEADER: And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

PEOPLE: Let us not be overcome by the temptations
which are along our paths, but given the strength
of our deeper convictions to pursue what is good
and beautiful, no matter the cost.

LEADER: For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,

PEOPLE: Goodness and mercy can prevail

ALL: for ever and ever. Amen

Offering Invitation

* Offering Hymn “We Give Thee But Thine Own” 708 - GG

1. *We give thee but thine own, whate’re the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.*
3. *The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Calvin

Hebrew Lesson: 1 Samuel 1: 2 - 6, 10 - 11, 20

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13: 1 - 8, 24 - 27

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” 250 - GG

1. *In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*
2. *There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*
3. *In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

* Benediction

Postlude

Cameron