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**Welcome** to Burlington Baptist Church today!

\* You are invited to stand.

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

Journeying God,  
you who beckon us to join you on the road,  
be with all your people  
as we travel forward into this new year.  
Give courage to the cautious,  
strength to the weary,  
vision to the short-sighted,  
and hope to those who are broken in spirit.  
Light our path and stay close at hand,  
as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Amen.

**Prelude**      “Shall We Gather at the River”      Cameron  
( Robert Lowry)

**Welcome and Announcements**      Dave

**Prayer and Preparation**

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

**Invitation to Worship**

\* **Gathering Hymn**      “God Is Here!”      409 - GG

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

3. *Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*
4. *God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

\* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading    Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

LEADER: Listen now to the voice of the Holy One  
who created us and calls us by name.

PEOPLE: God says, "Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine."

LEADER: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
when you face rivers of difficulty,  
they will not overwhelm you.

PEOPLE: When the fires of life threaten,  
you will not be consumed,  
for the flame cannot destroy you.

LEADER: For I am the Holy One, your God, the Creator  
who saves you. You are precious in my sight  
and honored, and I love you.

PEOPLE: God says, "Do not fear, for I am with you.  
I will gather you from every corner of the earth."

LEADER: From the east and the west, from the north  
and from the south, I will call my people together.

PEOPLE: God has called us by name  
and claimed us as beloved.

LEADER: We are God's children, created for glory,  
and formed to reflect divine love.

ALL: Thanks be to God, who calls us, redeems us,  
and is always with us! Amen!

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

A Gift of Music

“Baptized in Water”

The BBC Singers

(Michael Seward, David Haas, Jane Holstein )

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

\* Offering Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

733 - GG

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- 1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*
- 2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*
- 3. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
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our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Barbara

Epistle Lesson: Acts 8: 14 - 20

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22

Sermon: *“Your Ordination”*

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* Hymn of Response “Will You Come and Follow Me?” 726 - GG

1. *“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*
2. *“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*
3. *“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*
4. *“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*
5. *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Down to the River to Pray”  
(Traditional)

Cameron