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Singing in the Dark

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE GATHER

Holy One,
in the stillness of this moment,
prepare my heart for your presence.
When the world feels like a prison,
teach me to sing.
When the path is shadowed,
light the way with your truth.
As I come to worship,
feed my soul with grace,
strengthen my spirit with love,
and draw me into the joy of your people.
Amen.

Prelude “Come in, Come in and Sit Down” Spencer
(James K. Manley)

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Approach** “How Great Thou Art” 625 - GG

*1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

*REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

2. *When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:* [REFRAIN]

4. *When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"* [REFRAIN]

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading Psalm 97 - a paraphrase

LEADER: God, the Most High reigns!
Let the earth rejoice; let all people find hope
in God's justice and compassion.

PEOPLE: Even in the night, God's light shines.
Even in prison, songs of freedom rise.

LEADER: Clouds and thick darkness may surround us,
but righteousness and justice
are the foundation of God's way.

PEOPLE: We do not fear the shadows -
for the Holy One is with us, even in the dark.

LEADER: The mountains melt like wax before the Presence;
the earth trembles with awe at God's voice.

PEOPLE: But we do not tremble in fear -
we sing, even when the chains are heavy.

LEADER: Those who love what is right will see it rise like dawn.
Light is sown for the just,
and joy for those who are true of heart.

PEOPLE: We gather at this table with hearts open wide –
to share the feast, to sing our faith,
to shine with love.

LEADER: Rejoice in the Holy One, you who walk in truth!
Give thanks to the Name beyond all names!

ALL: We sing in the dark, we hope in the silence,
and we give thanks –
for Christ has come, and Christ is here! Amen.

A Gift of Song “My love Colours Outside the Lines” The BBC Singers
(Gordon Light, arr. by Andrew Donaldson)

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Joanna

Epistle Lesson: Acts 16: 16 - 40

Sermon: “*Singing in the Dark*”

* Communion Hymn “One Bread, One Body” 530 - GG

REFRAIN: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more. REFRAIN:*
- 2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. REFRAIN:*

