

**September 11, 2022
Homecoming Sunday**

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: For mountains, plains and gardens praise our God.
For hawk and crane and robin praise our God.

**People: For sun and shadow, trees and river, deer and trout and squirrel
For life and breath and song, praise our God.**

Leader: In ringing praise and silence – you are there.
In deep debate we listen – you are there.
In laughter, dark night, hugs and handshakes, word and bread and study
In work and hope and Christ - you are there.

**People: Toward vision hid in mist lead us on.
Toward healing of the children lead us on.
Till all's forgiven, bread abounds, and we embrace love's hand,
Till sun and moon are gone – lead us on.**

***Hymn #1:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

[Sung on September 14, 1966, Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, minister]

***Prayer of Confession** *[used September 14, 1968]*

Eternal God, our Father, we bless thee for the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess that his ways are strange to us. Yet we believe in him! Enable us to grow in our understanding of his purpose for us. Bestow upon us the courage to follow him where we do not understand. Help us to forgive ourselves when we stumble and falter even as thou dost forgive us. Through all of our experiences teach us to find thy guiding presence. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace** “Peace Like a River”, verse 1, using ending 2 page 478

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Liisa Granfors-Hunt

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples: Recognition of Longtime Disciples

Remembering our past through an early Statement of Purpose (**unison**)

[this was the Statement of Purpose for Greenbelt Community Church in 1955, Mr. Eric Braund, pastor]

We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of mankind.

Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstances, or of denominational name, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus; a common passion to serve the world; a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision, which ever seeks to express in all ways of life the mind and spirit of Jesus.

[Recognition of those who have been members of Greenbelt Community Church for 40 or more years]

[Recognition of Confirmands]

Prayer

O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ

Sermon: "A Dialogue on Gifts of the Spirit for Our Time"

Rev. Clara Young and Rev. Dan Hamlin

***Hymn #562:** "Take My Gifts"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

***Hymn #531: "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**