February 2, 2025

Scout Sunday

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader:

Come, all who are poor in spirit;

come, all who mourn; come, all who are meek;

come, all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

People:

Come, all who would be merciful;

come, all who would be pure in heart; come, all who would be peacemakers.

Leader:

Let us come together – the weak and the simple,

the powerless and the foolish.

People:

Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.

Let us worship the God of every blessing.

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

*Passing the Peace

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Mike Crompton

Anthem: Shout to the Lord, by Darlene Zschech, Choral setting by Jack Schrader

Time With Young Disciples:

Recognition of Scout Sunday

*Unison Prayer

We thank you, O God, for calling us into you church to be your people in the world. We are ready, God, to hear your word; speak to us, God, and give us courage to do your will. With all our doubts and fears and shortcomings, we have decided to follow Jesus in our time and place. Guide us by your loving Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sermon: "Love Always"

*Hymn #522: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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.

Our Father
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever. Amen.

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 at https://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org/)

Offertory

*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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The table is set. The bread, wine and grape juice are ready. We are ready – all of us. All are invited by Christ to this table of blessing. All of us are invited to take a piece of the bread when it is passed. All of us are invited to take a cup of juice or wine. Christ puts no restrictions on His Love for us. Let us remember Jesus.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our Loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere saying:

Holy, holy God of love and majesty. The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Prayers of Institution and Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

*Hymn #349: "I Come With Joy"

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude