

January 19, 2025

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

Leader: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**People: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

**\*Hymn #177: "God of Change and Glory"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:**

I Corinthians 12:1-11

David Alexander

**Anthem:** With One Song, by Douglas Wagner

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Litany for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday**

Leader: Miriam hid a baby in the bullrushes, disobeying Pharaoh's edict to kill the male children of the Hebrew slaves. The child grew to adulthood. Called by God, he liberated his people from Pharaoh's bondage – and Miriam sang a freedom song!

**People: Jonah, called by God to preach repentance to his enemies in Ninevah, resisted. He fled from Ninevah in a storm-tossed ship. Rescued from the depths of the sea, he returned to the enemy city, preached, and witnessed the Ninevites' salvation when they turned to God.**

Leader: Mary, the mother of Jesus, accepted her call from God with rejoicing, saying "God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty."

**People: Paul, the apostle, journeyed over the known world founding Christian communities. Called by God, he preached reconciliation to Jew and Gentile, creating controversy among his colleagues as he pursued God's purpose of peace among estranged people.**

Leader: Women marched together, carried banners, and demanded peace and justice. They sought peace among men and women and peace based on justice between races. Called by God, they struggled seventy years to win the right to vote in the United States so their granddaughters could take up the work they began.

**People: Black and white marched together in Alabama, Mississippi, Chicago, and Washington DC, called by God to turn the nation around. Martin Luther King Jr was our drum major keeping rhythm as we walked toward a new day when liberty and justice would be shared by all.**

Leader: The march continues as we raise our voices with all who are oppressed, violated, and rendered invisible because of gender-identity, sexual orientation, race, age, ability, or economic status. We are called to join with all creation crying out for a just peace.

**People: Christ, our peace, we hear your call; we experience your ministry through the lives of peacemakers and justice seekers. Guide us as we follow the path of shalom. We thank you for the cloud of witnesses who have known your presence in their struggles every step of the way to peace. Your promise is sure that peace is possible when we follow the way you lead. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "What Is Your Instrument in the Justice Band?"

**\*Hymn #570:** "We Shall Overcome"

**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**

**Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good.  
Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to  
participate in your realm on earth. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #584: "I Am the Light of the World"**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**

