

**February 23, 2025**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 37)

Leader: Come, Beloved, and release your frenzied fear.

**People: We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.**

Leader: Let meekness rise as strength of soul.

**People: May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.**

Leader: May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working.

**People: May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.**

Leader: May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.

**\*Hymn #558: "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:**

Luke 6:27-38

Louise Piper

**Anthem:** O Praise the Lord! By G. F. Handel and arranged by Patrick Libergen

**Time With Young Disciples:**

Stacy Hindalong

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning and whose grace amazes us into joy; grant that, in our worship and in our daily living, we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy. Move us to share that strength in the world. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "Love in the Discomfort Zone"

**\*Hymn #575: "O For a World"**

**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**

**Generous God, thank you for pressing Your holy love into the lap of our lives. Bless these gifts we bring that they may be multiplied into a good larger than we can imagine. Also, bless us, that we might live our lives in gratitude, sharing freely without expectation of return. Through this way of Jesus, stretch our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of Your Holy grace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #493: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

#### **\*Commissioning and Blessing**

#### **\*Choral Response**

#### **\*Postlude**