

**March 16, 2025**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: When the world around me is disturbing, where do I turn?  
**People: A psalmist says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."**  
Leader: When I am afraid, what can I count on?  
**People: "The Lord is a fortress protecting my life."**  
Leader: We gather in the light of God's protection.  
**People: We come to pray, praise and sing.**  
**All: Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn #43: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Call to Confession**

The confession of our sin before God and one another reminds us that as individual believers and as a community of faith, we do stray or turn from the ways of love and justice. We believe that if we confess we shall be forgiven and freed from the burden of guilt and empowered to carry on the ministry of Christ. Therefore, with confidence in the mercy of God, let us pray together.

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Loving Protector, in times of chaos, we can be startled by sudden declarations, distracted by claims of solutions to problems. Forgive us, God, for our wandering from you. Forgive us, when our own fears draw other people's attention away from you. Help us to act, not from anxiety, but from faith in your certain presence. Help us to slow down and recognize you within and around us. Amen.**

**Words of Grace**

No matter how far from God our resistance takes us, God wishes to draw us back, as deliberately as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Receive God's embrace and this good news: you are forgiven.

**Scripture:** Philippians 3:17-4:1 Carol Bellamy

**Anthem:** Create In Me by Kimberley Hill, arranged by Brad Nix

**Time With Young Disciples:** Stacy Hindalong

## Collect

Your blessings, poured out into our lives, are more numerous than the stars. When we hear your word aright, we are sometimes dazzled by the brightness of new insights. Open us to fresh thoughts; then move us beyond mere thinking to appropriate actions. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**Sermon:** "Passport Check"

**\*Hymn #451:** "Be Now My Vision"

**The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer, choosing to use debts/debtors, or trespass/trespases, or sins/sinners as is familiar to you*)

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 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

**Dear God, use our offerings of our resources and of our lives. Bless them, multiply them for your purposes in the world.**

**\*Hymn #492:** "I Would Be True"

### \*Commissioning and Blessing

### \*Choral Response

### \*Postlude