

April 27, 2025

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

People: **Break forth into joy! Sing together!**

God comforts those whose hearts are broken with sorrow.

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair –

People: **Now we know victory over death! Now we know joy over despair!**

ALL: **For God has raised Christ from the grave!**

The tomb is empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!

*Hymn #244: "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

*Passing the Peace

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Anthem: We Have Seen the Risen Lord, by Stan Pethel

Time with Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

God of the Risen Christ, you love us so much as to raise Christ from the tomb. Through this act, you grant us new life and redeeming grace. You grant us peace in death-defying love. You grant us forgiveness of sin. You welcome us back – without revenge – when we have been faithless. Bring us your peace and lead us to forgive others. Carry us through our times of disbelief. May we believe that Jesus is the Christ. In that belief may we have life in Christ's name! In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

Sermon: "Witnessing the Incredible"

*Hymn #254: "These Things Did Thomas Count"

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/>)

***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**

Bless, O God, the money in the offering plates that it may touch the lives of many, and bless as well the money that remains in our pockets that our choices may be careful, faithful, and wise. As we pay for gasoline and groceries and gifts may we remember your love that sustains us at all times. Amen.

***Hymn #256: "We Live by Faith and Not by Sight"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**