

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The community has gathered.
People: We have come to hear the good news.
Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ has risen!
People: We have come to worship the risen Christ!
Leader: Now is the time for worship.
People: We will worship now!
ALL: Hallelujah! Let us worship together!

***Hymn #230: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

***Invocation**

Giver of new life, we come to this morning with our alleluias, banners, lilies, trumpets, and song. We come to worship in beauty and in truth, because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, hope that the resurrection will enter each of our lives to transform them, and because, through Christ's spirit, we have come to love one another. Accept our worship, gracious God. Be present with us as miracle, mystery, and tender hands of grace. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Anthem: Praise to the Lamb, by Stan Pethel

Time with Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

God of endings and new beginnings, we come to worship and to praise. We come to abandon our pretenses and offer up our hope and dreams, that you may breathe new life into them. Shake us from our slumber and awaken us to our own resurrections. Open our eyes to the new day dwelling in our hearts. Let us rejoice and be glad, for life has triumphed over death! Alleluia! Amen.

Sermon: "Wake up!"

***Hymn #233:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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/>)

Christ conquers death, and leads us into the path of life. Let us live graciously and give generously, as God has given generously to us.

Anthem: Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen, by Cecil F. Alexander and John Carter

***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**

The gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess comes to us by the grace of God. May these gifts and offerings serve as a token of our love and gratefulness. May they be used to further God's justice and love in the world. May we live in new life, and share that life with others. Amen.

***Hymn #245:** "The Day of Resurrection"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**