

**May 11, 2025**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

**People: God is our shepherd, and we are sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: God restores our souls and then leads us down paths of justice and mercy.

**People: Even through dark valleys, we fear no evil.**

Leader: The Lord prepares a table for us, larger than we can imagine. The welcome is wider than we dare hope. Even in the presence of our enemies, God makes us one and restores us to one another.

**People: The Lord is our shepherd, who provides for our need. Our cups overflow; goodness and mercy will follow us, all the days of our lives.**

Leader: In goodness and mercy, let us gather in the house of the Lord to worship, where we will dwell our whole lives long.

**\*Hymn #301: "Crown with Your Richest Crowns"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Revelations 7:9-17

Carol Griffith

**Anthem:** I Am the Vine, by Allen Pote

**Time with Young Disciples**

*Following Time With Young Disciples, children are welcome to remain with their parents for the rest of the service, or may leave with the Sunday School teachers for a lesson and play time.*

**Unison Prayer**

**We thank you, God, for raising Jesus Christ to live among us forever. We thank you for the new life you offer us, that hope, not fear, and love, not coldness, may rule in our lives. May we know the risen Christ among us today, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Sermon:** "Sacred Diversity"

**\*Hymn #252 :** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**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**

**Our spirit ancestors offered sacrifices to glorify you, O God; so would we work to honor you by these gifts. May they express the depth of our love for you. As your church, we put them to work on your behalf in programs of outreach toward those who long for meaning as well as for life’s other necessities. Grant your joy to all who gave and all who receive. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #473:** “Blessed Assurance”

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**