

**August 31, 2025**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

**People:** **We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**

**Leader:** Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

**People:** **We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.**

**Leader:** Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

**People:** **We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.**

**\*Hymn #42:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Luke 14:1; 7-14 Karen Jones

**Special Music:** Susan Breon and Wei-Der Huang

**Time with Young Disciples** *Children and youth are invited to come forward for a short conversation with the Pastor or another member of the congregation. Afterward they will return to their seats for the rest of the worship service.*

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Bless, O God, old words and new messages, old messages and new words. Our translations and sermons, our scripture, our theological traditions and illustrations from this week's news are the beautiful soil of our worship. Grow through them the shoot of new life. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "A Seat at the Table"

**\*Hymn #306:** "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

**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**

**Holy, Holy, Holy God, be glorified in our giving. Receive and magnify these gifts so that needs will be met, communities transformed, and lives renewed. We dedicate them in your precious name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #539: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"**

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

#### **\*Postlude**