

**September 7, 2025**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*\*Call to Worship (Originally published by UCC Stewardship Council for use for Peace Pentecost)*

**Come together, joining hands and hearts.  
Let our hands be links of chain  
that hold our lives together –  
not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength,  
a ribbon of love and faith and community,  
giving us slack to sail the wind,  
yet holding us in a mystical embrace,  
that we may be alone but never lonely,  
that we may be together but never lost in a crowd,  
that we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.  
Come together, joining hands and hearts,  
and let the spirit of God and the human spirit  
flow in each and one and through us all  
as we gather here to share this time and space  
and as we walk together on the journey.**

**\*Hymn #4: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:**

2 Chronicles 6:1-7:1

Jan Derry

**Anthem**

**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.*

**Dedication of Red Paraments**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Through the visual reminder of these red paraments may we as Greenbelt  
Community Church be renewed and revived to be your people in our homes, our  
community, our county, our nation and our world.  
May this gift of thread and cloth become for us a symbol of Your Grace and Your  
Love for us and for all people.**

**Through receiving this gift, we give thanks for the life of your daughter, Eleanor Conrad, and for the generosity of her family in providing us this means to celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birthing of Your Church. In gratitude we dedicate these paraments to the work and witness of Greenbelt Community Church. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Sermon: "Being the Church"**

**\*Hymn #292: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"**

**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**

**Generous God, receive our offerings and magnify them to propel the ministry of this church. May the community and the world benefit from our generous giving. In gratitude, we pray with our contributions. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of his disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Savior in the breaking of the bread.

**In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.,,,

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere saying....

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory,  
O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Prayers of Institution and Consecration**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #522: "I Love To Tell the Story"**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**

