

Greenbelt Community Church

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Greenbelt Community Church is a community centered around the belief that we are all created in the image of God. We welcome everyone seeking God's presence, in any of the ways that you may identify... by economic class, by race, by national origin, by gender identity/expression, by age, by physical or mental ability... whoever you are and wherever you come from, we welcome you into full participation here. We rejoice that you chose to worship with us, today, as we extend an invitation to live out the extravagant welcome of Christ. Together, we are listening for God's still speaking voice. WELCOME, People of God!

A special welcome to our first-time and returning visitors! Please let us know you were here with us, today: Contact: office@greenbeltucc.org

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Aubra Love

***Call To Worship**

Pastor: God of all consolation and compassion, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary.

People: Your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.

Pastor: Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death,

People: With the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: NCH #403 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"**

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Aubra Love

**Anthem: "My Savior Dies to Set Me Free", Spiritual, arranged by P. M. Liebergen
The Greenbelt Community Church Choir**

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 New Revised Standard Version

David Alexander, Lay Reader

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then God said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then God said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Unison Prayer

David Alexander, Lay Reader

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: John 11:1-45 New Revised Standard Version (See insert)

Pastor Aubra Love

Sermon: "Taking Away The Stone"
Pastor Aubra Love

***Pulpit Hymn: "Down to the River to Pray" (Printout vss. 1-4)**

Act of Baptism: (See inserts)

Orville "Alex" Burnett



**Questions of the Candidate
Congregational Assent
Affirmation of Faith
Prayer of Baptism
Act of Baptism
Prayer for the Baptized**

***Praise Song: "Down to the River to Pray" (Printout vss. 5-10)**

The Community at Prayer

Pastor Aubra Love

(Joys and Concerns, Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer, choosing to use debts/debtors, or trespasses/trespases, or sins/sinners as familiar to you)

On our Prayer List: Ken C; Marty F; Anne G; Gil L; Butch N; Sue N; Thyra P; Kenny P; Joyce P; Rhonda; William and Phyllis S; Jim T; Lora T; Gwen V; We are in continuous prayer for all those who have experienced job losses. We pray for healing during this season of urban occupation by military reserve forces. We pray for an end to war and that no more lives will be lost. We pray for women and children homeless due to intimate partner violence. Our prayers are with all young persons made homeless due to gender identity or gender expression; We pray for our mental health warriors (those struggling and those helping). Our prayers are with veterans, returning from service with no home and no circle of love. We pray for the re-entry of the formerly incarcerated who cannot find work; We pray for all those around the world dying of starvation and AIDs due to the closure of USAID; healing for Ukraine and the Gaza peninsula. We ask protection for all whose freedoms are threatened by the government; We pray for the healing of our nation and a reign of domestic peace. We pray for the Seventh Day Adventist congregation that shares our space at Greenbelt Community Church. God, in your tender mercies, hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

(in the words that are familiar to you)

"Holy God, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Realm come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Realm, the power and the glory. Forever. Amen."

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

Focus Text: *"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.* --Ezekiel 37:14

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**

David Alexander, Lay Reader

God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you promised to forgive. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to gladness, call dry bones to dance, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: CHA #586 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Pastor Aubra Love

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**