

# **Greenbelt Community Church**

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**LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

**MARCH 29, 2026**

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**Final Sunday in Women's History Month**  
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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](mailto:office@greenbeltucc.org)*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Aubra Love

**\*Call To Worship**

**PASTOR:** Merciful God, your strength and courage pour forth

**PEOPLE:** To sustain the witness of your faithful people.

**PASTOR:** Awaken in us the humility to serve

**PEOPLE:** Wherever creation is broken and in need,

**PASTOR:** That we may follow in the way of our sibling Jesus,

**PEOPLE:** Die as he did to all that separates us from you,

**ALL:** And with him be raised to new life. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: NCH # 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Time with Young Disciples**

Pastor Aubra Love

**Anthem: "Hosanna to Israel's King" by J. Parker and L. Larson**

The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

**Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION**

Karen Jones, Lay Reader

*Give thanks to the LORD, because God is good, and God's love is eternal. Let the people of Israel say, "God's love is eternal." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

*The LORD is God, and God has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.*

**Unison Prayer**

Karen Jones, Lay Reader

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt; give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. Amen.

**Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION**

Pastor Aubra Love

*When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your Sovereign is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Root of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

**Sermon: "Untie Them and Bring Them To Me"**  
Pastor Aubra Love

**\*Pulpit Hymn: NCH # 455 "I Am Yours, O Lord"**

**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:** *"O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever." ---Psalm 118:29 Good News Translation*

**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**

Karen Jones, Lay Reader

Merciful God, thank You for the blessings in our lives. Open our eyes to Your goodness, help us to cultivate an attitude of gratitude, and guide us to share Your love with others throughout this week. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: NCH # 369 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

Pastor Aubra Love

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**