

Greenbelt Community Church

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March

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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: Enduring Presence, goal and guide, you go before us and await our coming.
People: Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship.

Pastor: Pour your love into our hearts, that in our refreshment and renewal

People: We may invite others to the living water freely given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***Opening Hymn: NCH #237 "I Come to the Garden Alone"**

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Young Disciples

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**Anthem: "Let Us Gather in the Shadow of the Cross" by J. Martin and B. Nix
The Greenbelt Community Church Choir**

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-11 New International Version

Dawn Revely, Lay Reader

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol the Lord with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, and Supreme above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to God. The sea is God's, for God made it, and God's hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for the Lord is our God and we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under God's care.

Today, if only you would hear God's voice, "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did. For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.' So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Unison Prayer

Dawn Revely, Lay Reader

Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence, never faltering until we have done all that you desire to bring forth your Realm of Shalom to fulfillment. Amen.

Scripture: John 4:5-24, 39-42 New International Version

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So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers God seeks. God is spirit, and God's worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—am the Messiah."

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this One really is the Savior of the world."

Sermon: "No Bucket Necessary"
Pastor Aubra Love

***Pulpit Hymn: AAHH # 447 "Fill My Cup, 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)

Prayer List, (See Bulletin Announcements)

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: *“Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’”
John 4:10 NIV*

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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 (Unison)**

Dawn Revely, Lay Reader

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace that we are now experiencing. We praise you, O God, for our hope in sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also give praise for our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint, because Your love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been freely given to us. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: NCH #327 “Jesus Loves Me”**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

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***Choral Response**

***Postlude**