

Greenbelt Community Church

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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: Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty,

People: You restore all things in glory

Pastor: Through the victory of Jesus Christ.

People: We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,

Pastor: The new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,

ALL: To the glory of your name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: NCH #84 "This Is the Day"**

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Aubra Love

Anthem: "We have Seen the Risen Lord" by S. Pethel

The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

Scripture: Psalm 16 The Message

Tina Alston, Lay Reader

Keep me safe, O God, I've run for dear life to you. I say to God, "Be my Lord!"
Without you, nothing makes sense.

And these God-chosen lives all around—what splendid friends they make! Don't just go shopping for a god. Gods are not for sale. I swear I'll never treat god-names like brand-names. My choice is you, God, first and only.

And now I find I'm your choice! You set me up with a house and yard. And then you made me your heir! The wise counsel God gives when I'm awake is confirmed by my sleeping heart. Day and night I'll stick with God; I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.

I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.
You canceled my ticket to hell— that's not my destination! Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I'm on the right way.

Unison Prayer

Tina Alston, Lay Reader

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and stranger, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.**

Scripture: Acts 2:22-36 The Message

Pastor Aubra Love

"Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a human being thoroughly accredited by God to you—the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through Jesus are common knowledge—this Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by others who took the law into their own hands, and was handed over to you. And you pinned Jesus to a cross and killed him. But God untied the death ropes and raised Jesus up. Death was no match for Jesus. David said it all:

I saw God before me for all time. Nothing can shake me; God's right by my side. I'm glad from the inside out, ecstatic; I've pitched my tent in the land of hope. I know you'll never dump me in Hell; I'll never even smell the stench of death. You've got my feet on the life-path, with your face shining sun-joy all around.

“Dear friends, let me be completely frank with you. Our ancestor David is dead and buried—his tomb is in plain sight today. But being also a prophet and knowing that God had solemnly sworn that a descendant of his would rule his kingdom, seeing far ahead, he talked of the resurrection of the Messiah—‘no trip to Hades, no stench of death.’ This Jesus, God raised up. And every one of us here is a witness to it.

Sermon: "Sacred Alignment—With Timeless Truths"

Pastor Aubra Love

***Pulpit Hymn: Chalice Hymnal #533 “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”**

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

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through the offering plates during the worship service; by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving at 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 (Unison)**

Tina Alston, Lay Reader

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of your Realm near by our words and deeds.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn: NCH #247 "My Shepherd is the Living God"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Pastor Aubra Love

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**