

Greenbelt Community Church

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**Third Sunday of Easter
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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: Open our hearts to your power

People: Moving around us and between us and within us,

Pastor: Until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy,

People: In communities transformed by justice and compassion.

ALL: To the glory of your name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: NCH #433 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"**

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Aubra Love

Anthem: "I Will Sing Praise" by J. Martin

The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

Scripture: Psalm 116:12-19 **King James Version**
Dawn Revely, Lay Reader

What shall I render unto the Lord for all God's benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all God's people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the saints. O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all God's people. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Unison Prayer

Dawn Revely, 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 the world's brokenness.
Amen.

Scripture: Acts 2:22-36 The Message

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Luke 24:13-35 King James Version

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, "What things?" And they said unto him, concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went, and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Sermon: "Did not our heart burn within us...?"
Pastor Aubra Love

***Pulpit Hymn: AAHH #389 "What Shall I Render?"**

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)

"Mother/Father 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: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all God's bounty to me?"

Psalm 116:12, Inclusive-Language Psalms, The Pilgrim Press

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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

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 heaven near with our words and deeds.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn: NCH #52 "There Is a Name I Love to Hear (O How I Love Jesus)"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

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***Choral Response**

***Postlude**