

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: Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption,
People: You stand among us in the shadows of our time.

Pastor: As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,
People: Uphold us with knowledge of the final morning

Pastor: When, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
People: We will share in his resurrection,

Pastor: Redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
ALL: And forever freed to be your people. Amen.

***Opening Processional Hymn: NCH #240 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Young Disciples

Pastor Aubra Love

Anthem: "Glory, Hallelujah" by Mark Burrows

The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 New Living Translation
Rick Ransom, Lay Reader

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good! God's faithful love endures forever. Let all Israel repeat: "God's faithful love endures forever." The LORD is my strength and my song; God has given me victory. Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious things! The strong right arm of the LORD is raised in triumph. The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious things! I will not die; instead, I will live to tell what the LORD has done.

God did not let me perish. Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the LORD. These gates lead to the presence of the LORD, and the godly enter there. I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory!

The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing, and it is wonderful to see. This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Unison Prayer

Rick Ransom, Lay Reader

God of salvation, your wisdom and compassion guide us in the midst of pain and grief, in the midst of temptation and fear. Through your resurrection power heal our sorrow and uplift us in delight, that we may experience that fulfillment of your promise in our restoration to wholeness. **Amen.**

Meditative Prayer Music for Reflection: "We Shall Not Be Moved"- Songs of Zion

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10 New Living Translation
Pastor Aubra Love

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. The angel's face shone like lightning. The clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw this angel, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. Jesus isn't here! Jesus is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is risen from the dead, and is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Jesus there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to Jesus, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my sisters and brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Homily: "Jesus is Going Ahead of You"

Pastor Aubra Love

***Pulpit Hymn: NCH #241 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Bread and the Cup

We remember Jesus who came as a witness of God's love. All are welcome at this open table. Come just as you are. There is room for you, here. Come, with boundless acceptance of one another. Bring your own hope for the fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus receives what we offer and blesses us with more.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

[During Communion, we will come forward, as invited by the ushers, to receive the Bread and Cup. We will partake together after you return to your seat. The Lord's Prayer will follow with the words printed in the bulletin.]

The Lord's Prayer

(in the words most 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: *“And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus is risen from the dead, and is going ahead of you...”* Matthew 28:7a New Living Translation

(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: “Praise the God of Resurrection!” by M. Hayes and J. Parker
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***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**

Rick Ransom, Lay Reader

As we remember the story of God’s generous presence abiding with us through life and death, we lift our prayers on behalf of all creation. We bless the name of our Risen Christ.

***Closing Hymn: AAHH #126 “Awesome God”**

***Blessing and Recessional with Young Disciples**
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***Choral Response**

***Postlude**