

# **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](mailto:office@greenbeltucc.org)***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Aubra Love

**\*Call To Worship**

**Pastor:** Receive these prayers, O God,

**People:** And transform us through them,

**Pastor:** That we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand

**People:** Not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do

**ALL:** So that your Realm will come to fruition in glory. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: NCH #11 "Bring Many Names"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Time with Young Disciples**

Pastor Aubra Love

**Anthem: "Guide My Feet" by M. Larkin**

The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

**Scripture: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-15**

Terry Henderson, Lay Reader

*In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me; Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me; take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.*

**Unison Prayer**

Terry Henderson, Lay Reader

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

**Scripture: John 14:1-14 New Revised Standard Version**

Pastor Aubra Love

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In God's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the God except through me. If you know me, you will know God also. From now on you do know God and have seen God."*

*Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us God, and we will be satisfied."*

*Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God. How can you say, 'Show us God'? Do you not believe that I am in God and God is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but God who dwells in me does these works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to God. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that God may be glorified. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."*

**Sermon:** “We Will Do Greater Works Than These”  
Pastor Aubra Love

**\*Pulpit Hymn: NCH #28 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**The Community at Prayer**  
Pastor Aubra Love

*(Joys and Concerns, Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer, choosing to use the words that are familiar to you. **Prayer List**, (See Bulletin Announcements)*

### **The Sacrament of Communion**

*We practice open communion. Anyone who seeks the love of God is welcome at the Table. Jesus offers an Open Table of radical hospitality.*

#### **A Blessing:**

**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*

**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

**People:** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Pastor:** *God of the lost and the found, surely it is right for us to give our thanks and praise; for day after day we look for you,*

**People:** *And day after day we find you: in the laughter of children, in the sun rising over the horizon, in the flowers of spring.*

**All:** *Our seeking does not go unanswered, and for that we are grateful.*

#### **Words of Institution:**

On that night, at supper, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, “saying this is my broken body.” Jesus then took the cup of redemption, blessed it and identified it as the new covenant. Jesus said, “When you share the bread and cup, it is a proclamation of my death and a remembrance of my sacrifice, as you are joined together in the Body of Christ.

So do this regularly until Jesus returns. The table has been set. The feast has been served. Your spiritual place card is right here, with your name on it. Your name is sacred unto God. The Lord bids you to come to the Welcome Table, for all things are ready. And everyone is welcome!

#### **Sharing the Bread and Cup:**

Please come forward, pew by pew to receive the elements. Receive a piece of bread and a cup. Once you have your bread and cup, return to your seat, and then we will all partake together.

## **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:** *"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." John 14:12a*

*(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/](http://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)**

Terry Henderson, Lay Reader

Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to deliver us. You are indeed our rock and our fortress; for your name's sake lead us and guide us; Deliver us from out of any net that is hidden for us, for you are our only refuge. Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.

#### **\*Closing Hymn: NCH #77 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"**

#### **\*Commissioning and Blessing**

Pastor Aubra Love

#### **\*Choral Response**

#### **\*Postlude**