

Greenbelt Community Church

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!
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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: Gracious God, the Holy Spirit remained with the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus,

PEOPLE: Teaching them to love all people as neighbors.

PASTOR: As disciples of Jesus in this age, we offer our prayers

PEOPLE: On behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live,

ALL: With love for our neighbors with whom we share it.

***Opening Hymn:** NCH #249 "Peace I Leave With You, My Friends"

*Passing the Peace

Time with Young Disciples

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Anthem: "Canon in D" by J. Pachelbel and arranged by N. Goemanne
The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

Reading of A Sacred Call to Grandmothers:

Trix Whitehall, Lay Reader

Calling All Grand Mothers

We have to live differently, or we will die in the same old ways. Therefore, I call on all Grand Mothers everywhere on the planet to rise and take your place in the leadership of the world. Come out of the kitchen, out of the fields, out of the beauty parlors, out of the Television.

Step forward and assume the role for which you were created: To lead humanity to health, happiness and sanity. I call on all the Grand Mothers of Earth and every person who possesses the Grand Mother spirit of respect for life and protection of the young to rise and lead. The life of our species depends on it. And I call on all men of Earth to gracefully and gratefully stand aside and let them (let us) do so.

— **Alice Malsenior Walker**, 82 years old-Born February 9, 1944, Eatonton, GA—
Lesbian Novelist, Short story writer, Poet, Political Activist,
Author of “The Color Purple”

Unison Prayer

Trix Whitehall, Lay Reader

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of the risen Christ, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Scripture: John 14:15-21, New International Version

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“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask God, and God will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept that Spirit, because it neither sees God nor knows God. But you know God for God lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by God, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Sermon: "Love is Active and Demonstrative"

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***Pulpit Hymn: AAHH #504 "Love Lifted Me"**

The Community at Prayer

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(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: *"On that day you will realize that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you."* John 14:20 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)**

Trix Whitehall, 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 heavenly Realm near with our words and deeds. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: CHA # 494 "They'll Know We Are Christians"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

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***Choral Response**

***Postlude**