

# **Greenbelt Community Church**

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Aubra Love

### **\*Call To Worship**

**PASTOR:** O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.

**PEOPLE:** Unite us with Christ and each other,  
in suffering and in joy,

**ALL:** That all your children may be drawn  
into your bountiful dwelling. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: NCH #372 "God, You Have Set Us"**

**\*Passing the Peace**

### **Time with Young Disciples**

Pastor Aubra Love

**Anthem: "Comfort Me, Dear Lord" by Berta and Sonja Poorman**

The Greenbelt Community Church Choir

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-16 The Message**

Jo-Anne Fornier, Lay Reader

*Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.*

*If you're abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It is the Spirit of God and God's glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. If they're on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that's a different matter. But if it's because you're a Christian, don't give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!*

**Unison Prayer**

Jo-Anne Fornier, Lay Reader

Receive our prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may see and understand our sacred mission with you. Bless our labor and sacrifice such that your will is established in this earthly realm. Amen.

**Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-11, The Message**

Pastor Aubra Love

*So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; God will promote you at the right time. Live carefree before God; because God is most careful with you. Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times.*

*It's the same with Christians all over the world. So, keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ—eternal and glorious plans they are!—will have you put together and on your feet for good. God gets the last word; yes, God does.*

**Sermon: "Soon, There Will Be Glory"**

Pastor Aubra Love

**\*Pulpit Hymn: NCH #616 "I Want to Be Ready"**

**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**, (Please 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:** *"Live carefree before God; because God is most careful with you."*

1 Peter 5:7

*(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)**

Jo-Anne Fornier, Lay Reader

Please hear, O gracious Savior, the love we bring. Grant us your favor as we serve you. In tribulation, sustain our confidence that we will triumph over our sorrows and rise up to bless you; to marvel at your beauty and to glory in your ways. **Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: NCH# 575 "O for a World"**

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

Pastor Aubra Love

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

#### **\*Postlude**