Greenbelt Community Church

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"and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"
Revelation 7:17

November 1st, 2026

All Saints Sunday

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Worship Sunday, November 1st, 2026

Rev. Mark Granfors-Hunt

Prelude **Wei-Der Huang**

Welcome and Announcements

God is still speaking here. 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. Whoever you are and wherever you come from, regardless of immigrations status, mental health challenges, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic status, race, religion or disability; 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.

WELCOME, People of God!

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 34) **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

One: Bless the Holy One with continuous praise.
Magnify Love and let us exalt God's many names together!
Many: We sought the Gracious One. God answered and delivered.
One: Bless the Sovereign One with boasting and gladness.
Many: We turn to the Glorious God who radiates joy and safety upon us.
One: Bless the Mighty God who encamps around us!
Many: O taste and experience that God is good! Praise the Holy One!

***Opening Hymn "We Love Your Realm, O God" NCH #312**

***Passing the Peace**

Invocation **Jo-Anne Fournier**

Creator of the Multitude, be present among us as we gather. Let us worship you in praise and thanksgiving, in spirit and in truth, in season and out of season. May our souls reach toward you and our hearts burn as we encounter you afresh. Renew our minds through your word and our spirits through our praise. May your name be magnified and glorified in our assembly, and may your path become clearer for all who follow you. Amen.

Anthem: "Now We Give You Thanks" by R. C. Lau GCC Choir

Time with Young Disciples Jo-Anne Fournier

Stewardship Moment Tina Alston

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 NRSVUE Jo-Anne Fournier

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Unison Response: Jo-Anne Fournier

Redeeming God, we lift our hearts to You in awe, remembering the glorious vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne—a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, clothed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Thank You, God, for the salvation that belongs to You and to the Lamb. Thank You that Your mercy reaches across the whole earth, drawing people into Your eternal family. Amen

Matthew 5:1-12 **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Message: "Let your B attitudes become A attitudes" **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

Pulpit Hymn: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" **NCH #295**

The Community at Prayer **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and
Pastoral Prayer For All Our Dearly Departed Saints

Let us continue to keep in prayer Ed H. and his wife Mary Ann; Ken C; Anne G; Gil L; Butch N; Sue N; Thyra P; Kenny P; Joyce P; Shirley P; Rhonda; William & Phyllis S; Jim T; Earl T, Lora T; Gwen V, Diane W; Bobby H, who is fighting cancer.

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>
(in the words that are familiar to you)

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom 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 Kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever. **Amen.**

Prayer Response: **GCC Choir**

Invitation to Generosity **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

The Holy One has shaped creation so that every need may be met, love may abound, and we might be strengthened in community with one another. Let us demonstrate our participation in the kindom of God through worshipping the Holy One through the giving of gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Offertory Response **Wei-Der Huang**

***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 and Thanksgiving: **Jo-Anne Fournier**

Holy Love, we pray that you receive these gifts. Bless those who have accepted the call to generosity and those entrusted with the responsibility of these offerings. May your church be enlivened and your people nurtured in care through these tangible expressions of our love of you and neighbor.

Communion Prayer of Consecration

Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape, whether on this table or in the homes of your people, that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might be reflections of your likeness in a hurting world so that others might know the blessings of living in communion with you and one another. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

May God be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to God
Let us give thanks to God Most High
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when you gather all your saints from the four wind to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forever more. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: "For All the Saints" NCH #299**

***Commissioning and Benediction Mark Granfors-Hunt**

Benediction Response: GCC Choir

***Postlude Wei-Der Huang**