Greenbelt Community Church

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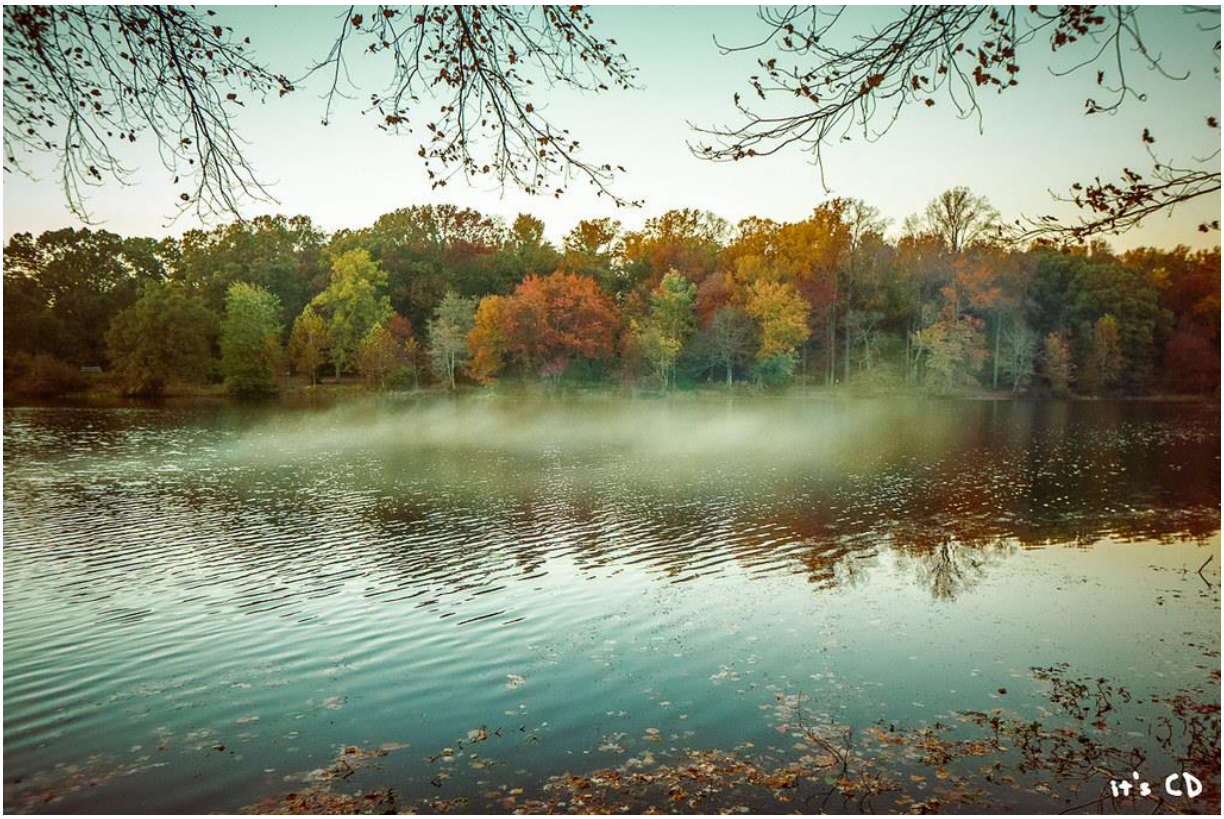

"I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."
Psalm 23:6

October 11th, 2026

Worship Sunday, October 11th, 2026

Prelude **Wei-Der Huang**

Welcome and Announcements **Trix Whitehall**

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!

***Call To Worship:** **Trix Whitehall**

One: Who can express the mighty work of the Holy One?
Many: We who gather praise the Holy One for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!
One: Who can proclaim the redemptive acts of the Holy One?
Many: We who gather praise the Holy One for justice and righteousness. God shows favor and mercy toward the people.
One: Who can declare the wondrous and awesome deeds of the Holy One?
Many: We who gather praise the Holy One! Praise the Holy One!

+Opening Hymn: "We Worship You, God" NCH #26

***Passing the Peace**

Anthem: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" GCC Choir
by A. Showalter and W. Hoffman; arranged by R. Robinson

Time with Young Disciples **Jo-Anne Fournier**

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1-9 NIV Trix Whitehall

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Unison Response: Trix Whitehall

O God, giver of all good, who continually pours your benefits upon us; age after age the living wait upon you and find that of your faithfulness there is no end and that your care is unfailing. We give you thanks for all the comfort and joy of life, for our homes, for our friends, and for all the love and sympathy and goodwill of all people. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34 Rev. Baskett-Tippett

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Message: "The Process of Becoming"
Rev. Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Pulpit Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" NCH #493

The Community at Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Jo-Anne Fournier

Prayer List: Let us Continue to keep Ed H. and his wife Mary Ann in prayer as Ed *continues his rehabilitation at Hill Haven from a fall two weeks ago.*

And let us continue to keep in prayer Shirley P.; Ken C; Anne G; Gil L; Butch N; Sue N; Thyra P; Kenny P; Joyce P; Rhonda; William and Phyllis S; Jim T; Earl T., Lora T; Gwen V., Diane W.--We pray for those thousands who have experienced job losses. Those in Nepal and Tibet who ave lost their families and homes to floods and the first responders who are laboring, there.

We pray for peace during this season of urban occupation by military reserve forces. For women and children who have been made homeless due to intimate partner violence. For all young persons who have been made homeless due to gender identity or expression; For our mental health warriors (those struggling and those helping). For veterans who may return with no place to call home and no circle of love; For the formerly incarcerated who cannot find work; For all those around the world dying of starvation and AIDs due to the closure of USAID; For peace for Ukraine and Gaza. We ask protection for all whose freedoms are being taken by the government. We pray for the Seventh Day Adventist congregation that shares our space at Greenbelt Community Church. O God, in your tender mercies, hear each of our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer
(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: **Jo-Anne Fournier**

Generosity serves as a response to the Holy One's abundant creation, trustworthy provision, and compassionate care. When we give, we accept that God has given more than enough for us to share, all have a place of belonging in God's realm, and making room affirms our commitment to God's reign. Let us give in faith, trust, gratitude, and love.

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: **Trix Whitehall**

Generous God, receive our offerings as acceptance to your invitation to the kindom life. May they be used to spread abundance, generate hope, and meet needs. Bless us as we give to grow in generosity, gratitude, and grace. We give thanks for this opportunity to participate in your kindom come and your will be done in our communities and world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** **"The Church's One Foundation" NCH #386**

***Commissioning and Benediction** **Rev. Baskett-Tippett**

Benediction Response: **GCC Choir**

***Postlude** **Wei-Der Huang**