Greenbelt Community Church
Worship Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Prelude **Wei-Der Huang**

Welcome and Announcements

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 (inspired by Psalm 96)**

One: Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!
Many: Great is the Holy One, who made the heavens and the earth.
One: Sing a new song unto the Holy One. Join with all creation in praise and reverence!
Many: We witness God's marvelous works among the peoples.
One: Worship the Holy One, all the earth! Declare God's sovereignty!
Many: Rejoice and be glad! God is great!

***Opening Hymn "Lead On Eternal Sovereign" NCH #573**

***Passing the Peace**

Invocation **Liisa Granfors-Hunt**

Sovereign and Radiant God, you go before us and invite us to meet you. Today, we gather in your presence as a community. You gift us "the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places." We respond as you call us by name. We come to know you as you invite us to be known by you. Receive our worship and form us as your people in justice, truth, righteousness, compassion, and love. Be glorified among us and through us, we pray. Amen.

Anthem: **"Alleluia Brasileira"** by R. Manuel **GCC Choir**

Time with Young Disciples **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

Scripture: Psalm 23 **NRSVUE** **Liisa Granfors-Hunt**

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Unison Response: **Liisa Granfors-Hunt**

To You, Holy One, we lift up our hearts in adoration and praise. When times are dark and our hearts are full of sorrow, we turn to you for solace and grace. For we trust in your word, and in your love for us as your people. As your people of faith, we can say with blessed assurance; "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of our God forever." Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22 **Mark Granfors-Hunt**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Message: **"I Shall Not Want"** **Rev. Mark Granfors-Hunt**

Pulpit Hymn: **"In the Midst of New Dimensions"** **NCH #391**

The Community at Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Let us Continue to keep Ed H. and his wife Mary Ann in prayer as Ed continues his rehabilitation at Hill Haven.

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 time of continued urban occupation by military reserve forces and the threat to many posed by ICE. 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 those who struggle with mental health and those who provide care for them. For our veterans, many who 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 our government. We pray for the Seventh Day Adventist congregation and the Montessori School who share our space. 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

The offerings we bring before the Holy One do not function as a tax. They are a gift given freely. At times, we give sacrificially. Mostly, we give from the abundance that the Holy One has seeded throughout all creation. Let us give generously, hopefully, and lovingly knowing that needs will be met and lives will be changed through our ministry.

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: **Liisa Granfors-Hunt**

God of good and perfect gifts receive our humble gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May they contribute to a world of abundance and your kindom come. May we experience the joy and privilege of giving as a gift in and of itself. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** **"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"** **NCH #565**

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Benediction Response: **GCC Choir**

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