

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2025

THE CUP OF FREEDOM: FREEDOM TO SING

Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 11 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" Tim Barnes, organ

*OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord is King" United Methodist Hymnal # 715 vs. 1, 3, 1

OPENING PRAYER

God of Freedom, our spirits sing because you have vanquished death. Open our hearts to continue to sing and know freedom in and through you. We come to you in this moment, with our cups running over with thanksgiving. Speak to us again and guide us for our days. In your Holy name we ask, Amen.

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

[Please use the Friendship pads or the QR code to mark your presence with us.]

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Bold type indicates congregational response.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-35

The apostles were taken before the Sanhedrin, and the high priest began to interrogate them: "We gave you strict orders not to teach about that name, yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching—and you're determined to make us responsible for this Jesus' blood." To this, Peter and the apostles replied, "Better for us to obey God than people! The God of our ancestors has raised Jesus, whom you put to death by hanging him on a tree. This One, who has been exalted to God's right hand as Ruler and Savior, is to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are eyewitnesses to this. And so is the Holy Spirit, who has been given to those who obey God." When the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and intended to kill the apostles. However, a member of the Sanhedrin—a Pharisee named Gamaliel, an authority on the Law and respected by the people—stood up and asked that the apostles be removed from the room. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Israelites, think twice about what you are going to do with these people."

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAIA

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READING FROM THE WORLD "Thomas" (by Steve Garnaas Holmes)

Thomas, you are not doubting, you are reaching
deep into Jesus' pain, pain you have caused,
into your own pain, your loss, the wound of your own betrayals,
feeling the marks of the nails in your own trembling hands.
Not till you've felt what you've done can you know it forgiven.
A laying on of hands for the wounded—both of you.
Reach, Thomas, stretch out your hand, and feel the scars of your Beloved,
and of yourself, reach out, reach deeper, lay your hand upon this broken world,
still wounded, yes, yet raised from death,
alive, forgiving, and made whole.

MUSIC MINISTRY "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (arr. Cindy Berry)

Jenn Peterson, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them, again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain

anyone's sins, they are retained." It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him "We've seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound." On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!" Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' Name.

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Lee Rollins

TIME FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Systems of oppression want us disconnected, unimaginative, and in despair.
Illuminating Wonder, weave in us another way. Flow our gathered resources towards
repair, support, relationships, mutual enmeshment. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

see insert

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, the Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Life. The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Goodness. The Divine One has blessed us with the cup of Freedom. May we all drink deeply from that cup, and may God who gave us life, Jesus who showed us goodness, and the Spirit that is our source of freedom be with us always! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Thine Be the Glory"

Tim Barnes, organ

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