

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2025

# THE CUP OF FREEDOM: FREEDOM TO RISE AGAIN

Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 11 a.m.

## GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Tim Barnes, organ

\*OPENING HYMN "Now the Green Blade Riseth" United Methodist Hymnal # 311

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of Freedom, our spirits are lifted because you have restored us. We come to you in this moment, cups running over with thanksgiving. Guide us today and everyday! 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

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple, a woman named Tabitha—"Dorcas," in Greek—who never tired of doing kind things or giving to charity. About this time she grew ill and died. They washed her body and laid her out in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples sent

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

***Bold type indicates congregational response.***

two couriers to Peter with the urgent request, "Please come over to us without delay." Peter set out with them as they asked. Upon his arrival, they took him upstairs to the room. All the townswomen who had been widowed stood beside him weeping, and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them. Peter first made everyone go outside, then knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up." She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers—including the widows—to show them that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa and, because of it, many came to believe in Jesus Christ. Peter remained awhile in Joppa, staying with Simon, a leather tanner.

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

#### TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MUSIC MINISTRY      "Good Enough For Mother" (unknown)      Robert Galbreath, piano

#### READING FROM THE WORLD

#### TIME FOR PRAYER

##### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

The time came for Hanukkah, the Feast of the Dedication, in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the Temple area, in Solomon's Porch, when the Temple authorities surrounded him and said, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you really are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus replied, "I did tell you, but you don't believe. The work I do in my Abba's name gives witness in my favor, but you don't believe because you're not my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. No one will ever snatch them from my hand. Abba God, who gave them to me, is greater than anyone, and no one can steal them from Abba God. For Abba and I are One."

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

TIME FOR OFFERING

MISSION MINUTE: WARNE BABY FOLD IN BAREILLY INDIA

[see announcements]

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

**Holy One, we pray for those saints whose lives inherently have meaning. Those who  
died too soon, suffered needlessly, and whom the living miss everyday. And, we pray  
that all the living may know wellness in the here and now. May our shared efforts and  
resources contribute to our collective freedom of all. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“On Eagle's Wings”

United Methodist Hymnal # 143

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, the Divine One has blessed us with Life, Goodness, and Freedom. Let us drink  
deeply! 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

“The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done”

Tim Barnes, organ

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We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

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Office Hours are generally Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm\*

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