



**11 am Worship**  
**April 27, 2025**

**Worship Participants**

Rodney Gasaway, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett  
Hengyi Ye, accompanist  
Sanctuary Choir

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**Freedom to Sing**

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29

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**This week**

Sunday	12:15 pm	Rezound Handbell Practice
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group;
	6:45 pm	Genesis – Monday Night Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Missions Meeting
	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 pm	Nominations Leadership & Development Team

**Sunday, May 4**

Communion Sunday and Faith In Action Food Drive.  
See the blue bin for the donation list in the social hall.

We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer

## Order of Worship

### Gathering Music

*It Is Well  
The Church's One Foundation*

### Welcome

### Prelude

*The Day of Resurrection*

### Call to Worship

Leader: The Sundays after Easter are a time to celebrate ...  
One Who Gives Us Life and Life Everlasting!

**All: I will take the cup of freedom  
and call on the name of God.**

Leader: "How can we keep from singing" ... And neither can we.

**All: I will take the cup of freedom  
and call on the name of God.**

### Opening Hymn

*How Can I Keep from Singing*  
black hymnal 2212

### Opening Prayer

### Receiving New Members

Congregation's Response:

**We give thanks to God for the opportunity to welcome you  
as new members of Chelsea First United Methodist Church!**

**We are grateful for your life stories, your faith journeys,  
your diversity of gifts. We promise to listen to  
and learn from you.**

**May God enable us to take time for one another  
as we share faith, service, and a common history.**

**We join with you in affirming our covenant with God  
to support this congregation with our prayers, our  
presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.  
May God be praised in everything we say and do!**

### Invitation for Congregation to Pass the Peace

### First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Leader: For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Second Reading

Psalms 118:14-29

### Anthem

*Love Brought Me Back*

### Message

### Response in Song

*God of Freedom, God of Justice*  
Shirley Erena Murray

**God of freedom God of justice  
You whose love is strong as death  
You who saw the dark of prison  
You who knew the price of faith  
Touch our world of sad oppression  
With Your Spirit's healing breath**

### Community Prayer

### Closing Hymn

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*  
red hymnal #304

### Benediction

**All: God has blessed us with the cup of Life.  
God has blessed us with the cup of Goodness.  
God has blessed us with the cup of Freedom.  
Drink deeply!**

### Postlude

*He Keeps Me Singing*