

# First Up

**The Freedom to Rise Again**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**



**First**  
**Church**

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## **Worship**

### **SONG**

“Open Up the Heavens”

### **CENTERING WORDS**

The Easter season is a time for celebrating miracles. Jesus was a miracle worker, and one of his greatest deeds was inspiring hope in others. You may find yourself today in need of a miracle – of some radical transformation for your life. This Easter message is a word of encouragement for you: no matter where you find yourself, you have the freedom to rise again and claim this day as a turning point of hope.

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

All the scriptures this Sunday point to a revival, a restoration, and the promise of an overflowing cup of life. The dramatic image of Tabitha rising from her death bed urges us to hear the Voice of Freedom that says, “come on, you can do it, get up!” No matter how down and out we might feel, God reaches out a hand to help us up. And we say, “Yes!” I invite you to rise in body and/or spirit and let us sing together!

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

### **SONG**

“Freedom Is Here”

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 9: 36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!” Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG**

“Glorious Day”

### **PRAYER**

God of Freedom, our spirits rise because you have revived and restored us. Let us rouse ourselves from sleep so that all may know freedom in you. We come to you in this moment, cups running over with thanksgiving. Amen!

## **Service**

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## Prayers

### Those Who Have Lost a Loved One

Diana Hoke, family & friends on the recent death of her husband Max Hoke

### Concerns Shared

All in need of prayer

### Those In Rehab & Extended Care

Jack Gaunt

### Those in Memory Care

Pat Staver

### Our Military

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CG Creation-Charis Vander Plaats  
CG Op - Riley Schellingerhout

#### Worship Team

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Keys: Ella Robyne Vocal: Katie Schneider

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## MESSAGE

"The Freedom to Rise Again"

Pastor Duane Carlisle

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND PEACE

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## RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM

### SONG

"O Praise the Name (Anástasis)"

## THE BENEDICTION



## Open Up The Heavens

by Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, James McDonald, and Andi Rozier

### Verse 1

We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

### Misc 1 (Pre-Chorus)

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

### Chorus 1

Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise

### Misc 2 (Interlude)

Oo oo oo oo oo

### Verse 2

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes

### Misc 3 (Bridge)

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord

### Misc 4 (Ending)

Oo oo oo oo

# Freedom Is Here

## Verse 1

The future comes alive You speak Your word and I  
I'm running into Your hope  
Because I've seen Your light  
You bring my world to life I'm comin' after Your love

## Pre-Chorus

I'm not shaken I'm not letting go

## Chorus 1

And everything comes alive in my life  
As we lift You higher  
Let Your freedom arise in our lives  
As we lift You up Sing it out  
Sing it out (Your freedom is here)

## Verse 2

So take the limits off No matter what the cost  
I'm running after Your call And I will run this race  
See You face to face So let Your pow'r overflow

## Bridge

I will not fear I will not hide Your love  
Your love All of my life  
I cannot deny Your love Your love

## Chorus 2

Everything comes alive in my life  
As we lift You higher  
Let Your freedom arise in my life  
As we lift You up Sing it out  
Sing it out Your freedom is here

## Ending

Your freedom is here Your freedom is here  
Your freedom is here

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# Glorious Day

by Kristian Stanfill, Sean Curran, Jason Ingram, and Jonathan Smith

## Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

## Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

## Chorus 1

('Cause when) You called my name (and)  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

## Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

## Misc 1 (Bridge)

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open

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# O Praise The Name

by Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson

## VERSE 1

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

## VERSE 2

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

## CHORUS 1A

O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord our God

## VERSE 3

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of Heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

## VERSE 4

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## CHORUS B

O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord our God Oh Lord, Oh Lord our God  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord our God

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