



## Rising Strong: An Easter Journey of New Life

What does resurrection actually look like? Not just on Easter morning—but in real life.

This Easter season at St. Matthew, we're exploring a series called **Rising Strong**, and it's built around a simple but powerful idea:

*the resurrection doesn't just change what we believe—it changes how we live.*

Each week, we'll follow the stories of ordinary people whose lives were transformed by an encounter with the risen Christ.

- A disciple who struggled with doubt
- A friend who failed when it mattered most
- A man whose certainty turned into harm
- A community divided by conflict
- Believers facing disapproval from powerful people

These are not perfect people. They are people like us.

And in each story, something remarkable happens: Christ meets them exactly where they are—and raises them into something new.

- Into faith.
- Into forgiveness.
- Into connection.
- Into unity.
- Into courage.

This is not a series about having it all together. It's about discovering that **God is not finished with us yet.**

Each week in worship, we'll mark this journey together—lighting candles, singing, praying, and reminding one another: **Christ is risen... and we are rising strong.**

Whether you've been part of the church for years, or you're just beginning to ask questions, this is a season to come and see what new life might be rising in you.

Join us Sundays, April 12 through May 10, as we discover what it means to rise. Because resurrection is not just something we celebrate. It's something we live.