

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Let us pray in unison together:

*Holy One, You whose love endures forever,
you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what.
We praise you, for you are our strength and our salvation.
We shall not die, but live, for you call us into the light—
encouraging us to reach for the sun, unfurl our full colors,
and know that we are held in the deep and rich soil of your garden—
this is more than good enough for us!*

Amen.

Opening Song:

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

Verse 1—Sung by Song Leader And Choir

All Sing

Let The Victor's People Sing, Alleluia!
Where, O Death, Is Now Your Sting? Alleluia!
Dying Once, Christ Lives To Save, Alleluia!
Where Your Victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

All Sing

Soar We Now Where Christ Has Led, Alleluia!
Following Our Exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made Like Christ, Like Christ We Rise, Alleluia!
Ours The Cross, The Grave, The Skies, Alleluia!

First Reading

Taken From “Good Enough” by Kate Bowler

Blessed are you who are buried. You who feel stuck in the depths of grief and despair or who sit in the pit of unknowing. You who are learning to trust the timing of a tender Gardener.

Blessed are you who are growing, you who burst with new life, fresh creativity. Who understand the pain that sometimes comes with stretching and changing, pruning and being cut back.

And blessed are you in your season of fruitfulness. You who are learning to abide in the vine, and who taste the sweetness of God's loving-kindness. The God who was there all along—planting, waiting, watering, pruning, delighting. The God who pays careful attention to God's Garden.

Gospel Reading

John 20: 1-16

Gathering Song

“Go And Tell Mary and Martha”

Go And Tell Mary And Martha, Go And Tell Mary And Martha,
Go And Tell Mary And Martha: “Yes, Jesus Is Risen From The Dead!”
Go And Tell John And Peter, Go And Tell John And Peter,
Go And Tell John And Peter: “Yes, Jesus Is Risen From The Dead!”
Go And Tell All The Apostles, Go And Tell All The Apostles,
Go And Tell All The Apostles: “Yes, Jesus Is Risen From The Dead!”
Go And Tell Ev'rybody, Go And Tell Ev'rybody,
Go And Tell Ev'rybody: “Yes, Jesus Is Risen From The Dead!”

Sermon

“Easter Is...!”

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

“Rejoice, Children Rejoice”

Featuring SunCoast MCC Choir

Prayers of the People (Join us in signing when instructed)

Santo, Santo, Santo, mi corazon te adora,
Mi corazon te sabe decir, santo eres O Dios
Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores You,
My heart know how to say to You, Holy are You, God!

Offering and Offertory
Featuring Marsha Stevens-Pino

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise Christ, All Creatures Here Below;
Praise Holy Spirit Evermore;
One God, Triune, Whom We Adore.
Amen.

Communion
The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God
**It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

Choral Response
In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

Repeat Above Chorus

Closing Song
“Peace I Leave With You My Friends”

Benediction