



Welcome!

Following new CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional.

We encourage everyone to wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. We recommend those who are unvaccinated and have not had COVID in the last 90 days mask to protect yourself and others. Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

In Preparation for Worship

“Maybe this sunrise is for us. Maybe these Hallelujahs are for us. Maybe the hope blooming in my chest is for us. Maybe the resurrection was not just about God’s body but is about our body. Maybe this new life reaches all the way to the edges. Maybe we are free to live in a new way where love is the currency, and we are enough.”

- New Life is Right Here, Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Prelude

Resurrection Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

People: **Today we slow down. Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.**

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

People: **Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be contained.**

Leader: This day is not like any other day.

People: **Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.**

Leader: This day is not like any other day. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn #241

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

Prayer of Confession

God of new life,
we are a mixed bag.

We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.

We want to embody the resurrection,
but often we’d rather stay the same than to begin again.

We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning—
to run and speak truth,

but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.

Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.

Break into our hearts.

Overflow here.

With hope we pray, amen.

Song of Praise #240, refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Meditation

Full to the Brim with an Expansive Life

Erin Rugh

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe in a God who can astound us —
a God who created the mountains,
And the stars on a summer night.

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us —
an example of love for those on the fringes,
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.
And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again —
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life —
a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy,
overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news.

Death has lost its sting.
We believe and are set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Hymn #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Benediction

Postlude

Joysong

Mark Hayes