

# *Good Enough:*

Embracing the Imperfections  
of Life and Faith

*Lent 1*

"Ordinary lives can be holy."



**March 6, 2022, 9:30 am**

**In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook**

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PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

BELL CHOIR

"Like a River Glorious"

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Penny Dole

The liturgical season of Lent developed over the centuries as a time of deepened reflection...

...This Lent, we'll take some time to turn ladder-climbing into garden-tending, nurturing our souls and embracing our holy, "good enough," lives.

"Good Enough" (First time, Chris)

Chris Beiser

**What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow,  
void of sorrow? Time spent regretting decisions of our  
yesterdays, mistakes we made?  
Sometimes we get what we get,  
life disappoints us and yet,  
God is still here and somehow,  
this faith is good enough.** [Congregation repeat]

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter, we call out to you,  
sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress—  
as life goes.**

**Whether we perceive it or not, you are there.  
Open us this day to your presence in the smile of a  
friend, in the call of a bird—in the simple and good  
enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Our Lord, You Were Sent"

(Tune: FOUNDATION (How Firm a Foundation))

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

We find ourselves hungry....

....What if ordinary life is already holy—as is?

*Silent Reflection*

....In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, even now.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen**

\*PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

BELL CHOIR "All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
with Kayla Goodman, flute

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:1-13

SERMON "Ordinary lives can be holy" Pastor Joe

PRAYER SONG "That's Enough for Me" Chris Beiser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING MOMENT

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,  
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow,  
Praise Three-in-One, from here below.**

Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION Liturgy projected on wall

\*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

\*BLESSING and BENEDICTION

Response "Take Jesus With You"

\*POSTLUDE

*(\*Rise in body or spirit)*

Worship Notes:

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# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Joys/Concerns

*If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks.*

*Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."*

- 2/27 Byron Jones passed away on February 26, 2022. Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family.
- 2/27 Jennifer & Nicole's pet rabbit named Denim, who passed away. He was the fluffiest bunny!
- 2/27 For Peace and the Ukrainian people and Ukrainian-American's await word from their loved ones.
- 2/27 Pablo's cousin, Jasa Hevia and family who is trying to leave Ukraine into Poland and has traveled more than 600 miles.
- 2/27 Pam Brockfield's cousin's husband John Farris, who had a double bypass on March 3.
- 2/27 Pam Brockfield's friend Lisa Ellsworth & families on the loss of Lisa's sister Fran from Covid.
- 2/27 Superfan Jim who passed away will be dearly missed at all Fairfield Athletics (especially soccer) - Jennifer Specht
- 2/27 Doug & Beth Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah deployed at Texas border for (300) days. Prayers for daughter Kristi & children.
- 2/24 Paul Schutte has Covid and is at Westover in Hamilton.
- 2/20 Virginia Shaw's son Richard is slowly recovering. He has been upgraded from wheelchair to walker.
- 2/20 Jenni Hensler asks for prayers for her principle who begins bone marrow transplant journey. And prayer for her daughter, Alli who is her donor.
- 2/20 Prayers for the little 4 year old boy who was deserted by his mother and left outside.
- 2/20 For a friends father who has been diagnosed with late stage lung & liver cancer. He is now in Hospice.
- 2/20 Tari Randall requests prayers for the Stratman Family in the tragic loss of their son, Zach, who was friends with Curtis.
- 2/20 Kathy Bradley asks that we keep families who have lost loved ones due to Covid, in our prayers.
- 2/17 Bob Netherland passed away on Thursday, February 17. Our condolences and prayers for the families and friends.
- 2/13 Pam Guynes' niece, Shay Irwin is out of the hospital and is recovering from Covid and Pneumonia.
- 2/13 Pam Guynes' cousin Jerry Galban passed away. Our prayers and condolences for the family.
- 2/13 Dianne Aiken's son-in-law is home but continues to experience complications with Covid.
- 2/13 Belinda Peters' aunt is having complications with her recent carotid artery surgery.
- 2/13 Please keep Ginny O'Dell in your prayers and thoughts.

- 2/06 Beth Ewald's mother Olive Bonham, passed away. Our deepest sympathies & prayers for her and the family.
- 2/06 Family of Gordon Betscher, who passed away on 2/4/2022.
- 2/06 Tari Randall's friend Dan, who has been in ICU since 11/2021 with Covid. He is waking up and able to speak.
- 2/06 Chris Beiser's brother Jim Beiser, who is home now but was hospitalized with heart issues, Covid19, and severe infection in left leg. If he waited any longer, he would have lost his leg.
- 2/06 Susan Bunte's mother continues to struggle with the after effects of her stroke and seizures.
- 2/06 Linda Prohaska's brother, Eugene Campbell has lung cancer.
- 2/06 Jennifer Rinker's father began treatment for prostate cancer and her father-in-law has been hospitalized with Covid and Pneumonia.
- 2/06 Rick Broshear is having extra treatments & requests special prayers.
- 2/06 Jon Skirvin's, only 44 years old, is awaiting kidney transplant but the kidney donor as Covid. Pray for both of them.

**Continuing Prayers**

Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates. Contact Lyn at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or call the office (513) 844-1818.

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| All service Men & Women          | Gina Hollinger   |
| Our Country                      | Sharon Hamp  |
| First Responders                 | Iris Jones   |
| United Methodist Church          | Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)                    |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups      | Belinda Peters and family                              |
| Bud Aydlett—healing knee surgery | Brenda Smoot   |
| Rick Broshear—lung cancer        | Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother) |
| Merianne Cardas                  |  |

**St. Mark's Homebound:**

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| Gale Logan—Otterbein Community | Paul Schutte—Westover                        |
| Greg Pullem—Parkside           | Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek                  |
| Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409     | MaryKay Bowling—Sunrise Living,<br>(Hospice) |

**St. Mark's Homebound at HOME:**

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| Vivian Brill     | Zedith Pottenger           |
| Jim Beckett      | Jean Stivers               |
| Jean Cottrill    | Virginia Shaw              |
| Dollie Gallihugh | Sue Webster                |
| Freida Hawkins   | Ginny O'Dell               |
| Eleanor McCollum | Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint |

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

[www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)

## TODAY, 3/06

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
NO G.L.O.W.
- 10:30 am CYFM Team
- 11:00 am Confirmation Class/Youth Group

## MONDAY, 3/07

- 10:00 am Crafter Group
- 6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study

## TUESDAY, 3/08

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board

## WEDNESDAY, 3/09

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 6:30 pm Room at the Table

## THURSDAY, 3/10

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care Committee
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## FRIDAY, 3/11

## SATURDAY, 3/12

## SUNDAY, 3/13

- 2:00 AM DAYLIGHT Savings Time (Move Clocks forward 1 hour)
- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade. Nursery open for infants—age 3

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MARCH 6, SUNDAY, "RAISE THE ROOF" SPECIAL OFFERING**

The Wesley Foundation in Cincinnati that serves UC students (Clifton house) is in need of a new roof. We would like to make this happen by taking up an offering on March 6th. If you'd like to support this cause, you can donate through the offering plate. Please indicate "Wesley House" on the check memo or offering envelope. Thank you.

### **MARCH 6—APRIL 3, 2022 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS**

Each year, we decorate our altar area with flowers on Easter Celebration. This year we will order from Benken Florist, Home & Garden Center. *Flowers (6" pot w/green cover)* may be purchased. You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service. Please see the "ORDER FORM" for more information or contact Lyn at the church office. **Orders will be taken March 6—April 3, 2022. Please put your order forms & payment in an envelope. Note: "Easter Flowers"**

### **2022 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX HALLWAY**

The new 'Altar Flower Sign Up' sheet is located in the hallway of the Narthex. Please provide: Name, Email/Phone and type of event. The cost per bouquet is \$15 each. The order should be submitted to the office by Wednesday, thank you.

### **NEW SPRING CRAFT ITEMS ARE FOR SALE IN THE CHOIR ROOM!**

Check out the unique, handmade craft items created by our “craft ladies” this past month. It feels like Spring is just around the corner! Visit the Choir room to shop for a variety of items and gifts. The NEW spring items are on display today and the ‘Monday Crafting Ladies’ continue to create beautiful one-of-a-kind items throughout the season.

### **USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH’S CIRCLE, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Ruth’s Circle is sponsoring a monthly used book sale to help support St. Mark’s mission projects. There are NEW books located in Fellowship Hall and the cost is your donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323. Thank you for your help with this important mission.

### **MARCH 18, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH’S CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Ruth’s Circle is meeting in Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 18 at 1pm. Ruth’s Circle is open to ALL women of the church and we would love to have you join us. For more information contact Pam Guynes at (513)-779-9162, email Pamguynes2@gmail.com or contact Charlene Miller at (513)-844-6793, email chardarmiller@gmail.com

### **MARCH 20, SUN, 5PM, GLOW NIGHT-BIBLE BLAST (PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5)**

Lent is a great time to learn more about your Bible and what it means to explore faith in all the stories. Join us on March 20, Sunday evening 5—7PM for Glow at Night, Bible Blast (preschool—grade 5). We will have supper with the youth at 5:00 pm , and our program will follow!

### **MARCH 26, SAT., 9AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER DATE**

St. Mark’s is scheduled to serve at Matthew 25 on Saturday, March 26, 9-11AM. All church family are invited to join us! A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. For more information contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 or email at Lynneshoe@icloud.com.

### **MARCH 27, UMCOR SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING**

Through the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) , we are able to make a difference in the lives of those struggling through storms, wars, fires,, etc. This offering underwrites UMCOR’s cost of doing business, allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific project will go toward that project , and not administrative costs.

### **MARCH 30, WED., 12:30PM, SHARED HARVEST FOODBANK**

St. Mark’s has scheduled an opportunity for you to serve at Shared harvest on Wednesday, March 30 from 12:30-2:30PM. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Contact Debbie Bryant if for questions.

### **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS 2022 SIGN UP SHEET FOR MEALS**

This is such a huge help to the leaders, and we are very grateful. The sign-up sheet for meals in 2022 is on the narthex bulletin board.

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please submit your announcements to the office by Wednesday each week. Contact Lyn at the church office or send to L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com.

# St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.

## STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Lyn Bucalo
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Organist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

## OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Penny Dole
Lay Leader/Camera	Mark Hensler
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Screen	Jennie Marshall

## **DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd MONDAY each month.

**[April Newsletter deadline is March 21](#)**

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