

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 2

"So much is out of our control."



March 13, 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

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Penny Dole

We continue our movement through the Lent season this week with another kind of "letting go." This week we lament that so much in life is out of our control. This is frustrating to us and so sometimes we have been tempted to believe the sayings that tell us if we just "think positively," we can turn it all around. Yet our experience tells us that this doesn't always work. Let us turn ladder-climbing toward the expectation of a perfect life into garden-tending, nurturing "what is" 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 Light and Salvation,
we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries
in life.
Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths.
Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform
our frustrations into simple and good enough
moments that fill our days. Amen.**

*HYMN

"Take Time to be Holy"

UMH 395

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Even Jesus got frustrated when folks didn't behave as he would have liked...

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.**

SOLO

"Give Them All to Jesus"
Mark Hensler, euphonium

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

THOUGHTS ABOUT AN IMPERFECT LIFE AND FAITH

"So Much is Out of Our Control"

Pastor Joe

PRAYER SONG

"That's Enough for Me"

JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

*HYMN

"Since the Lord is My Salvation"
words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(Tune: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

*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."*

- 3/06 Betty Stover as she prepares to move to Rochester, NY
- 3/06 Elle Nguyen's friend Kali While, diagnosed with recurrence of breast cancer.
- 3/06 Sue Rumley for cardiac testing on Thursday 3/10.
- 3/06 Tim & Julie Mislansky's great-aunt Charlotte passed away on Monday, March 7th. Prayers and condolences for the families.
- 3/06 Julie Mislansky's sister's test results came back negative. Praise the Lord!
- 3/06 Greg Pullem, "Thank God for Church" and "Thank you Jesus"
- 3/06 Rich Stracke's surgery was successful. Thank you for prayers.
- 3/06 Lauren Leyrer is ill with a sore throat and congestion.
- 3/06 Prayers for the people of Central Iowa who experienced a tornado on March 5 with 7 deaths reported.
- 3/06 Jennifer Rinker thanks everyone for the cards, flowers, kind words, and prayers in the recent passing of her father in law.
- 3/06 Del Burfitt and his wife.
- 3/06 Greg Pullem's surgery is April 5th.
- 3/06 Jane Burnette recovery from knee surgery.
- 3/06 Jon Skirvin's health regarding kidney issues.
- 3/06 Bill Hansbauer parents; one parent has throat cancer and the other has diabetes.
- 3/06 Doug & Beth Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah deployed at Texas border for (293) days. Prayers for daughter Kristi & children.
- 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-Americans as they 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. Update: they have made it to Poland. Continued prayers.
- 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
- 2/24 Paul Schutte has Covid and is at Westover in Hamilton.
- 2/20 Virginia Shaw's son Richard who continues to recover.

- 2/20 Jenni Hensler asks for prayers for her principal who begins bone marrow transplant journey. And prayer for her principal's daughter, Alli who is her donor.
- 2/20 Prayers for the little 4-year-old boy who was deserted by his mother.
- 2/20 For a friend's 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.
- 2/13 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 Susan Bunte's mother continues to recover after stroke.

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,
(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

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, 3/14

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

TUESDAY, 3/15

7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

WEDNESDAY, 3/16

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
NO (Bible Study)

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, 3/17

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 3/18

1:00 pm Ruth's Circle

SATURDAY, 3/19

SUNDAY, 3/20

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade. Nursery open for infants—age 3
11:00 am Room at the Table
3:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm Dinner
5:00 pm GLOW Night Bible Blast (preschool—grade 5)
6:00 pm Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 13—APRIL 3, 2022 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Each year, we decorate our altar area with flowers for 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 13—April 3, 2022. Please put your order forms & payment in an envelope & put in offering box. Note envelope: "Easter Flowers"**

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

Check out the NEW St. Patrick's Day and Easter craft items created by our "craft ladies." Spring is just around the corner! Visit the Choir room to shop for a variety of items and gifts. All of the 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.*

VOLUNTEER HELP MOVE RICHARD SHAW, DATE END APRIL/EARLY MAY

Virginia Shaw's son Richard needs help moving from 3rd floor to 1st floor of apartment building. He is still recovering and cannot manage the stairs anymore. For more information, please contact Lyn at the church office (513) 844-1818 or send email to L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy 60th Anniversary Rich & Joyce Zugelter!

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 to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd MONDAY each month.

April Newsletter deadline is March 21

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