

# *Good Enough:*

Embracing the Imperfections  
of Life and Faith

*Lent 3*

"Lots of things can be medicine."



**March 20, 2022, 9:30 am**

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

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Penny Dole

As we continue our look at what it means to release oppressive expectations about perfection in our lives, this week we turn to a harmful idea that the prescription for our fear of failure is to simply work harder! As the book *Good Enough* reminds us, "We might feel we are climbing an 'endless staircase' of achievement, for high grades or success...[in] caregiving, work, or social pressure." This Lent, we are taking some time to stop climbing ladders and staircases, to tend our souls slowly and lovingly, tilling the soil, fertilizing, and embracing our holy, "good enough," lives.

\**"Good Enough"* (sung in unison)

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.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (based on Psalm 63)

**Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast, we lift our hands and call your name, in need of healing—thirsting and hungry. Your steadfast love is better than life. Open us this day to your nourishment in the songs of the land, in the beauty of the sky— in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

\*HYMN

""The Gifts of God are Free"  
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
(Tune: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord")

## HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

In our Gospel scripture today, we will hear about the unproductive fig tree. Oh, the shame of being unproductive! Cut it down!...

...What productivity expectations are holding you captive? Let us take a moment of silent reflection...

*Silent Reflection*

Hear this compassionate word from Isaiah: "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." ....

....in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being 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.**

DEDICATION St. Mark's Little Free Pantry

SOLO "He Grew the Tree" Chris Beiser

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9

THOUGHTS ABOUT AN IMPERFECT LIFE AND FAITH

"Lots of things can be medicine." Pastor Joe

PRAYER SONG "That's Enough for Me"

JOYS, CONCERNS

Testimony Tonya Leguina

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.**

Prayer

\*HYMN "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" UMH 480

\*BENEDICTION

Response "Take Jesus With You"

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Rise in body or spirit)

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Struggling" from Good Enough: 40'ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection by Kate  
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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."*

- 3/17 John Smith, surgery.
- 3/13 Greg Pullem, prayers for the residents of Parkside.
- 3/13 A friend who is losing his eyesight.
- 3/13 David & Pam Brockfield's friend, Jeff Waite retired UM minister had 4-heart by-pass operation & a pacemaker. He is recovering at home in Columbus, OH.
- 3/13 Doug & Beth Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah deployed at Texas border for (286) days. Prayers for daughter Kristi & children.
- 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 she had 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 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.
- 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.

- 2/27 Superfan Jim who passed away, will be dearly missed at all Fairfield Athletics (especially soccer) - Jennifer Specht
- 2/24 Paul Schutte recovering 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 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](mailto: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 in Alpharetta, GA) |

**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, 3/20

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade. Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 5:00 pm Dinner for Youth
- 5:30 pm GLOW @ Night Bible Blast (preschool Age 4—grade 5)
- 5:30 pm Confirmation/Youth Group

## MONDAY, 3/21

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

## TUESDAY, 3/22

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

## WEDNESDAY, 3/23

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 6:45 pm Room at the Table

## THURSDAY, 3/24

- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## FRIDAY, 3/25

## SATURDAY, 3/26

- 9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministries Volunteer

## SUNDAY, 3/27 UMCOR SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade. Nursery open for infants—age 3

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **UPDATE 'RAISE THE ROOF' FOR WESLEY HOUSE AT UC**

St. Mark's UMC collected \$826 for the "Raise the Roof" campaign for the Wesley House at UC. Thanks to all for your generosity!

### **MARCH 20—APRIL 3, 2022 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS**

For Easter celebration we will order from Benken Florist. *Flowers (6" pot w/green cover)* may be purchased. Please see the "ORDER FORM" for more information or contact Lyn at church office. **Orders will be taken March 20—April 3, 2022. Please put your order forms & payment in an envelope & put in offering box. Note envelope: "Easter Flowers"**

### **GLOW @ NIGHT (Children 4 years old—GRADE 5) TONIGHT AT 5:30PM**

(Please note the time change)

Lent is a great time to learn more about your Bible and what it means to explore faith in all the stories. Join us this evening 5:30—7:00 for Glow @ Night, Bible Blast. We will have pizza at 5:30 and our program will follow!

More dates include April 24, May 1, & May 22.

### **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](mailto: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 to the administrative costs.

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

We have an opportunity to serve at Shared Harvest Wed., March 30, 12:30-2:30PM. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information contact Debbie Bryant.

### **APRIL 2, SATURDAY, 9AM, ST. MARK'S "SPRING SPRUCE UP"**

Join our St. Mark's Trustees for a "Spring Spruce Up" on Saturday April 2, 2022, beginning at 9am. The more who join, the faster we will get it done. The plans for this day are pulling weeds & fluffing mulch, and sprucing up our church lawn for Easter. All are welcome! Sign up on the back of the Welcome/Attendance sheet. For more information see Jennie Marshall. See you there!

### **APRIL 3, SUNDAY, HELP WITH "EASTER EGG HUNT EVENT"**

Children and Family Ministries needs your help for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at 2PM. In the Narthex, we have bags with 2 dozen empty eggs in them, ready to be taken home and filled with individually wrapped candy and returned by **Sunday April 3, (or by Wed. April 6th at the latest)**! We would also like to offer baked goods as a snack that day. *If you are willing to bake, please sign up at the Welcome Center!* Thank you in advance for your support of our young people! This event will be open to our extended church family, watch for more details in the April Newsletter!

### **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 & cannot manage the stairs anymore. For more information, please contact Lyn at the church office (513) 844-1818.

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

Check out the [NEW Easter craft items](#) created by our "craft ladies." Visit the Choir Room to shop for a variety of items & gifts. All of the items are on display today and the 'Monday Crafting Ladies' continue to create beautiful items throughout the seasons.

### **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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Happy 11th Birthday Kaden Theiss  
From Nana

# 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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