

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 5

"We are fragile."



April 3, 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

Linda Payne

The story of Jesus includes many moments around tables, as this was part of his ritual of relationship even to the last...

....We are fragile. Our lives, like the plants in the gardens we tend, are susceptible to elemental dangers and a life-cycle of letting go in order to live..

*"Good Enough" (sung in unison)

**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, Lover of Souls,
we call out to you.**

**You know our tears and sorrows,
and you bear the seeds of grief with us.**

**Open us this day to your comfort
that nurtures these seeds into sheaves of joy-
the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.
Amen.**

*HYMN

"O, How I Love Jesus"

UMH 170

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Jesus speaks the words no one wanted to admit:
he was not always going to be around....

....What if we stopped denying the limited nature of our lives
and breathed in deeply the fragrance of vulnerability?
Let us take a moment of silent reflection...

Silent Reflection

....And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps,
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.**

PSALTER Psalm 126 UMH 847

GOSPEL READING John 12:1-8

THOUGHTS ABOUT AN IMPERFECT LIFE AND FAITH
"We Are Fragile" Pastor Joe

PRAYER SONG "That's Enough for Me"

JOYS, CONCERNS

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

HOLY COMMUNION Liturgy projected on wall

*HYMN "Be Still My Soul" UMH 534

*BENEDICTION
Response "Take Jesus With You"

*POSTLUDE

(*Rise in body or spirit)

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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."

- 4/1 Tari Wolf in hospital with extreme pain.
- 4/1 Chris Beiser, recovering from minor heart attack; heart cath with stent on March 31 at Fort Hamilton
- 4/1 Mark Hensler is home, recovering from outpatient surgery on March 28.
- 4/1 John Smith is recovering from vascular surgery at Bethesda North March 31.
- 3/27 Penny's cousin, Rebecca Randall passed away on 3/26 after fighting cancer. She will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences, comfort, and prayers to the families & friends.
- 3/27 Jeff Gering's sister, Lisa Steiner has declined the amputation of her leg and has chosen to stop dialysis. She is in Hospice.
- 3/27 Jeff Gering's friend, Jon Skirvin is receiving a new kidney on April 12 and for Carlee who is donating a kidney.
- 3/27 JOY! Paul Schutte is back home.
- 3/27 Becky Hamblin's former neighbor Dr. William Hart is having health issues.
- 3/27 Dale Shreve is back home.
- 3/27 Patty Dole is having some back pain.
- 3/20 Mary Kay Bowling passed away on March 24. Services were held on April 2 at Zettler Funeral Home.
- 3/20 Betty Winkler has a fractured back.
- 3/20 Kristy Theiss' friend Summer has Cancer, please pray.
- 3/20 Greg Pullem, upcoming shoulder replacement surgery, April 5
- 3/20 Pat Sena is having severe back problems.
- 3/20 Jennifer Rinker recovering from sinus infection.
- 3/20 Linda Fenzel's nephew's wife had surgery.
- 3/20 Kathy Bradley's friend, Sandy Cline has Cancer as well as some serious health issues.
- 3/20 Sue McDaniel's neighbor Barb, who lost her mother March 17
- 3/20 The family and friends of Bob Sudbrink who has passed away on Friday, March 18, 2022. Bob had Myelofibrosis & acute Leukemia. Our prayers and condenses to Val as she navigate life without him. Bob and Val are dear friends of the Marshall's and Tim & Maria Mullen.
- 3/20 Jennifer Hanson had her (2nd) open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.
- 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 Betty Stover as she prepares to move to Rochester, NY
- 3/13 Del Burfitt and his wife.
- 3/06 Elle Nguyen's friend Kali While, diagnosed with recurrence of breast cancer.
- 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 Jennifer Rinker thanks everyone for the cards, flowers, kind words, and prayers in the recent passing of her father in law.
- 3/06 Jane Burnette recovery from knee surgery.
- 3/06 Bill Hansbauer parents; one parent has throat cancer and the other has diabetes.
- 3/06 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.
- 3/06 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.

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.

All service Men & Women
 Our Country
 First Responders
 United Methodist Church
 Prayer & Bible Study Groups
 Rick Broshear—lung cancer
 Merianne Cardas
 Gina Hollinger
 Sharon Hamp

Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Belinda Peters and family
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah (272)
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
 Chris Beiser
 Tari Wolf
 Pat Sena

St. Mark's Homebound:

Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
 Greg Pullem—Parkside
 Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409

Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek
 Lisa Steiner—Hospice
 Paul Schutte—Jamestown
 Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint

St. Mark's Homebound at HOME:

Vivian Brill
 Jim Beckett
 Jean Cottrill
 Dollie Gallihugh
 Freida Hawkins
 Eleanor McCollum

Zedith Pottenger
 Jean Stivers
 Virginia Shaw
 Sue Webster
 Ginny O'Dell
 Betty Winkler

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 4/03

- 9:30 am Holy Communion and Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3.
- 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm Dinner for Youth
- 6:00 pm Youth Group/Serve City Meal

MONDAY, 4/04

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

TUESDAY, 4/05

- 6:45 pm CYFM Team
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960
- 7:00 pm Trustees

WEDNESDAY, 4/06

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

THURSDAY, 4/07

- 12:00 pm Butler County Teacher Assoc. Meeting (Heritage Room)
- 1:00 pm Book Club
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 4/08

- 4:30 pm Seder Meal—Youth Group

SATURDAY, 4/09

- 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, 4/10 *Palm Sunday*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 3, EASTER FLOWER ORDERS - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER IS TODAY!

Please see the 'Order Form' to order your Easter flowers from Benken Florist. *Flowers (6" pot w/green cover)*. For more information contact Lyn at church office. **Please put your order forms & payment in an envelope & put in offering box. Note envelope: "Easter Flowers"**

APRIL MISSION PROJECT, DONATIONS, APRIL 6 — 24

We will be supporting Serve City this month with our time, talents, and gifts! We are collecting the following items for the residents from their "needs" list. ***Twin sheet sets, ibuprofen, Tylenol, tums, cough drops, plastic forks and spoons, disposable cups, plates, and bowls, laundry detergent, fabric softener/sheets, toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream (for men or women), toothbrushes and paste, shampoo, and individually wrapped snack items.***
Sunday, April 24 is donation deadline

ALSO, We will be supplying the meal on April 6. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board if you'd like to make a casserole or dessert, Thanks!

APRIL 9, SATURDAY, 2PM, ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We begin with Crafts, Story time and Snacks followed by the Egg Hunt. There might be a "special visitor". This event is open to St. Mark's children/grandchildren and friends. Bring a basket to collect your eggs and looking forward to seeing you there!

APRIL 10, SUNDAY, PALM /PASSION SUNDAY

Children will begin in the sanctuary with their families.

APRIL 14, PLEASE NOTE:

St. Mark's Choir will **NOT** be participating in the Maundy Thursday Service at First Baptist Church, Hamilton.

APRIL 15, GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7PM

This will be St. Mark's Tenebrae service. Scripture and special music will combine to make this service a meaningful time in preparing for Easter Sunday morning.

APRIL 17, EASTER SUNDAY, WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

We will have the Chancel Choir sing for the first time in two years! And we are provide Easter Donuts.

APRIL 22, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH'S CIRCLE (DATE MOVED)

APRIL 22, FRIDAY, YOUTH FUN NIGHT OUT-DINNER & PUTT-PUTT GOLF

APRIL 23, SATURDAY, BROKEN BUS SERVE & MEAL (YOUTH)

APRIL 24, SUNDAY, 5:00PM, GLOW@NIGHT (Children 4 years old—GRADE 5)

Learn more about your Bible and what it means to explore faith in all the stories. Join us this evening 5:00—7:00 for Glow @ Night, Bible Blast. We will have dinner with the Youth at 5:00 and our program will follow! Save dates: May 1 & May 22.

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.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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

STAFF

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Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Linda Payne
Camera	Matt Snyder
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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.

May Newsletter deadline is Monday, April 18

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy Birthday Gay Kubik from Marty

Correction:

Flowers last week were in Honor of Bob Klingel and in Memory of Lou Fassnacht who share the same birthday celebrated on April 1.

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