

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 6

"You are a group project."

Palm/Passion Sunday



April 10, 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

We stand at the precipice of Lent and Holy Week. This day moves from shouting and praising to a time of crying and lament. The drama of the story of Jesus' last week reads like the book of our lives. Feeling hopeful one moment, we plummet the next as we deal with disappointment, danger, and grief. God's incarnation on earth was not immune from this roller-coaster we call life. One thing we know, when the going gets rough, the last thing on our minds is climbing the ladder of self-improvement. We just want to survive, to be comforted, to have our pain known and embraced. And so we turn from the isolation of perfection and turn toward deep love. It is never too late to nurture the garden of relationships, for we are all a group project.

"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, God of Goodness,
we call out to you at the Gates of Righteousness,
sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress–
sometimes both at once.**

**We long to be in your house in the presence of
beloveds, binding the festal procession with branches.
Open us this day to your love in and through the webs
of our relationships–
and in the simple and good enough moments that fill
our days.
Amen.**

THE CHILDREN LEAD US

Peggy Smith

*HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH 278

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE Pastor Joe

Commentary

Question: What keeps you from connectedness with others?

Silent Reflection

Hear this compassionate word from the

Letter to the Philippians:

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...”

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation

as we are called into the kind of community

Christ had in mind for all.

We are invited to the audacity of interdependence
so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving.

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

BELL ANTHEM “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:28-40

THOUGHTS ABOUT AN IMPERFECT LIFE AND FAITH

“We Are a Group Project”

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

*HYMN “Stand by Me”

UMH 512

*BENEDICTION
Response “Take Jesus With You”

*POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

*If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks.
Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."*

- 4/07 Note: June 11 at 2pm are Memorial Services for Byron Jones
- 4/04 Ginny (Virginia) O'Dell passed away on April 4. We will have services at St. Mark's on Monday, April 11 beginning at 10am for visitation followed by memorial at 11am. We are thinking of the family & friends during these difficult times and are sending our love and prayers.
- 4/03 Praise God, Chris Beiser is at church & recovering after a minor heart attack; heart cath with stent on March 31.
- 4/03 Congratulations to the Dichtl's on their retirements! (Prayers to both of them). LOL
- 4/03 Anne Hennen is back home and recovering.
- 4/03 Jeff Gering's sister, Lisa Steiner passed away on Sunday, April 3, she was 59. It is with deepest sympathy that we offer prayers of comfort during this difficult time.
- 4/03 Greg Pullem is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery, April 5.
- 4/03 Tari Wolf in U.C. Hospital for Pancreatitis & other issues.
- 4/03 Greg Pullem's mother & father, nurse Lynsy at Parkside and a very sweet lady requesting prayers for herself.
- 4/03 Bud Aydlett is working through some severe back pains.
- 4/01 Mark Hensler is home, recovering from outpatient surgery on March 28.
- 4/01 John Smith is recovering from vascular surgery on 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 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.
- 3/20 Mary Kay Bowling passed away on March 24.
- 3/20 Betty Winkler is recovering from a fractured back.
- 3/20 Kristy Theiss' friend Summer has Cancer, please pray.
- 3/20 Pat Sena is working through some severe back problems.
- 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 Jennifer Hanson had her (2nd) open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

- 3/20 The family and friends of Bob Sudbrink who has passed away on March 18. 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.
- 3/13 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
- 3/06 Elle Nguyen's friend Kali While, diagnosed with recurrence of breast cancer.
- 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
 Bud Aydlett
 Chris Beiser
 Merianne Cardas
 Gina Hollinger

Sharon Hamp
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Belinda Peters and family
 Pat Sena
 Betty Stover
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah (265)
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
 Tari Wolf

St. Mark's Homebound:

Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
 Greg Pullen—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
 Betty Winkler

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 4/10 *Palm/Passion 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

MONDAY, 4/11

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

TUESDAY, 4/12

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

WEDNESDAY, 4/13

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
2:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 4/14 *Maundy Thursday*

12:00 pm Butler County Teacher Assoc. Meeting (Heritage Room)
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 4/15 *Good Friday*

7:00 pm Good Friday Service—St. Mark's Tenebrae service

SATURDAY, 4/16

SUNDAY, 4/17 *Easter Sunday—We Celebrate the Resurrection!*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 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
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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.

May Newsletter deadline is Monday, April 18

ALTAR FLOWERS:

ONE Bouquet: Don & Marilyn Stewart are celebrating the birth of Emery Quinn Stewart born on April 4, 2022

ONE Bouquet from Lois Hill: "In memory of dad's heavenly birthday"

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