

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 1

Ordinary lives can be holy.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

Arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

*INVOCATION (Unison)

Frank Willis

(*If you are able, please stand)

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 today 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 10:8b-13

Frank Willis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come for Time as Children and then leave for Church School.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

SERMON

The Holiness of the Ordinary

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

arr. André Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

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Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world.

"Glory to the newborn King," Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;

Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

The Bread and the Cup *Erhalt Uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*
(Keep Us, Lord, in Your Word)

Anonymous
(from 16th Century)

Prayer after Communion

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on the Tune "St. Peter"
(In Christ There Is No East or West)

- Harold E. Darke
(1888-1976, English)

We offer prayers of gratitude and celebration for **Vern Jensen** on his upcoming 99th birthday (March 8). We also pray for **Tom Gebhardt, Nancy Rushton, Joe & Kathy Mortensen, Ron Tipton, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Laura Parmelee, the family of Ezra Wellington, Cheryl Slaughter, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Ulysses Slaughter, Jr., Del Jones, Katie Mason, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Leah Grange, Lisa Hesse, Karl, Kris Ledyard Arges, Donna, and Glen & Ruby Chambers.**



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Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) about Children's Ministry or Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com) about Youth Ministry.

Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Please come pick up your children from the Children's Ministry wing after worship. The nursery is available during worship for 3 year olds and younger.

Youth (6th-12th grade) go to the youth room for youth group immediately following worship.

Poetry & Faith. Join us online via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135916710> passcode 891530) for this adult spiritual formation opportunity, 11:30-12:30.

No **Night Prayer** this week. We resume March 15.

Our Lenten theme this year is *Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith*. This season offers an invitation to take our imperfect humanity seriously and to consider how God blesses us in the midst of our struggles. Our theme this year has been inspired by Kate Bowler's new devotional book, *Good Enough: 40is Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. We invite you to consider ordering and using this book for your own personal devotions during Lent.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.



Greeting on Sunday Morning. We need greeters for in-person worship! This is such an important ministry of hospitality. Please join us in offering a warm welcome to all those who worship with us. Interested? Connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Acolyte on Sunday Morning. All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to be acolytes to light and snuff the candles during worship. Xan Morgan will be in touch to make sure everyone has the acolyte scoop they need!

Hosting at Hope Clinic. We need volunteers to help cook or serve a to-go hot meal on the third Thursday of each month at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. No experience required; volunteers must be 12 or older. Interested? Connect with Karen Rayner (rayner.kar@gmail.com)

Livestream Team. We need volunteers to help with this crucial worship and outreach ministry on Sunday mornings. Interested? Connect with Bob Myers (robertmyersmusic@gmail.com).

Sound Team. We are looking for folks to join our sound team. We provide clear directions and training to equip all volunteers for this important ministry. If you're interested please connect with Clay Scott (clayscot@umich.edu).

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