

***Sing Out! We're Made
of Common Dust***

Sing out! We're made of common dust;
One day, to dust we shall return!
Yet, God, you've placed your mark on us
And so for you our spirits yearn.

This gift of ashes we receive
Reminds us we belong to you.
You call us to repent, believe,
and seek your Way in all we do.

The dust and dirt of children's play,
of youthful times, of working years
Are part of life — and life's decay;
We wash the dust with sorrow's tears.

We sing, O God, of what you give:
This ash reminds us we are yours.
In life we're claimed, in death we live!
In Christ our life, your love endures.

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

March 2, 2022

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

Welcome

We Cross the Threshold

Good Enough

Doug Hodgkins
Rev. Nancy

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.

Calling on God

Opening Prayer

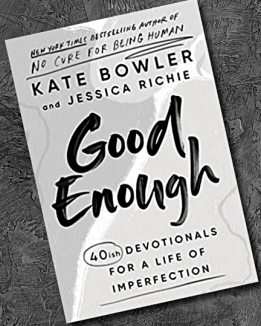
Laraine Wilson

Let us Pray together: **Holy One, Merciful God, make yourself known to us. Be present with us in this often troubled journey of life. Create in us hearts that are open to transformation. Give us the patience of practice in this Lent season—ordering our days with time enough for you. Amen.**

Opening Hymn



Be Thou My Vision

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Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

Join us for book discussions on
Good Enough
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm
or
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Lenten Evening Prayer

Labyrinth Walks on Wednesdays
March 8, 15, 22, and 29
April 6 and 13
7:30 - 8:30 pm
in the Narthex



ALL ARE WELCOME

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be now my wisdom and thou my true word;

I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always ;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Honest Question

Rev. Nancy

Silent Reflection

Compassionate Response

Rev. Nancy

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the bonds of perfectionism, inviting us to break the yoke of what "should be" so that we might discover what "might be" when we honor the small steps that are actually possible, in this moment, for this one day. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-14

Doug Hodgkins

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Laraine Wilson

Response

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Thoughts about an Imperfect Life and Faith

Rev. Nancy Rottman

"Perfectionism is impossible. Transformation isn't."

Ritual of Ashes and Turning Ladders into Gardens

That's Enough for Me

Doug Hodgkins
Rev. Nancy

Though all along our daily pilgrim race
our treasures small and very few may be,
our souls are blest with God's unending grace,
and that is enough, enough for me.

Oh, that's enough for me,
God's truth has set me free;
the love of Christ has sanctified my soul,
and that is enough for me.

Music for Ashes and Flowers

Closing Hymn

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Tune: #531

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

A Blessing Before a Fast

Benediction

And now, may the God who loves all of creation, especially the imperfect bits,
and Jesus, our companion along this crooked path called life,
and the Holy Spirit, who loves to improvise in surprising ways,
go with you, dwell among you, and give you joy. Amen.

Choral Reprise

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Postlude

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Our ushers this evening are Annmarie Pendola and Stephen Riley.