



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
10:00 AM**

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

The Rev. Nancy Rottman, Senior Pastor

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Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator

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**February 6, 2022**

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather

#### Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

L: God is our refuge and strength,

**P: A very present help in time of trouble.**

L: Though the earth should change,

**P: We will not fear.**

L: Though mountains tremble and waters foam,

**P: God is in our midst.**

L: We shall not be moved;

**P: God is with us as the morning dawns.**

#### Opening Hymn

*Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost*  
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#### Prayer of Invocation

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### We Contemplate God's Word

#### Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

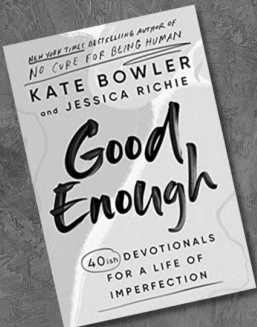
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#### Message

Rev. Nancy Rottman

### A Time of Prayer


#### Pastoral Prayer



# Good Enough:

## Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

*A Lent Series based on the work of Kate Bowler*  
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We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.



help us share some



**Saturday, February 12**  
10 am - Noon

### Centre Church Parking Lot

**DONATE YOUR COINS+ TO HELP US BUY AN ALPACA FOR  
A FAMILY THROUGH HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**



- ♥ Llama-themed raffle prizes at 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30, & 12
- ♥ Fun activities focusing on Llamas/Alpacas and LOVE
- ♥ Take pictures with a Llama (cardboard, 6 ft. tall)
- ♥ Learn more about llamas, alpacas, and Heifer's mission

We'll also have **Equal Exchange** chocolate, coffee and tea available as well as **Earth Breeze** plastic-free laundry detergent, all at wholesale prices.



### The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### We Respond

**Mission and Outreach Update**

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**Prayer of Dedication**

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### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to Communion

L: Who will come to this table to celebrate care in illness, comfort in sorrow, healing beyond curing, peace in forgiveness, hope in times of fear or threat?

**P: Here we are. We will come.**

#### Words of Remembering

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Sharing of the Elements

L: Let us join as one though we are in many places and receive the gift of God, the bread of heaven.

**P: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

L: Let us with our many needs and many blessings, receive the gift of God, the cup of blessing.

**P: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Spirit of Christ, we give thanks for this grace from our long and deep heritage of meals shared here in our sanctuary, from our own homes, on mission trips, at Haven from Hunger, and Bread and Roses. Wrap your gentle presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing or strength. Receive each of our personal commitments to go forth for you to all your children in the world. Amen.**

## We Go Forth

### Closing Hymn

*Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*  
vs. 1, 4 (see page 4)

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### Benediction

## Our Ushers This Morning

Annmarie Pendola and Lauren Patriquin-Muise

## Our Tech Team Today

Chuck Cotting, Gary Muise and Roy Sorli

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## Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
taught by you we covet most  
of your gifts at Pentecost,  
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long;  
love is meek, and thinks no wrong;  
Love than death itself more strong;  
there-fore, give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
Love will ever with us stay;  
therefore, give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see,  
joining hand in hand agree;  
But the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.

## Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Praise the Source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing  
and renew our need to pray.

As two currents in a river  
fight each other's undertow  
till converging they deliver  
one coherent steady flow,  
Blend, O God, our faith and learning  
till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one, returning  
praise and thanks to you, their Source.