

Since the Lord is My Salvation

Since the Lord is my salvation, Is there anyone to fear?

As a citizen of heaven why should I feel worry here?

In a world that's lost and broken and where sin and death abound,

We rejoice for God has spoken: we are safe, on solid ground.

God will hide me in the shelter when the days of trouble come.

Though a war may rise against me, God's own tent will be my home.

I will trust what God has given, I will trust God's word to me:

I'm a citizen of heaven and it's what I'll always be.

Even when I hear the warning, "Find a safer, easier way,"

I'll be faithful in the morning and at noon and close of day.

As a citizen of heaven, I have nothing I should fear;

For in Christ, I am forgiven, and I'm called to service here.

You, O Lord, are my salvation; make me strong to live for you.

May I care for your creation, love the stranger, speak what's true.

May I share what you have given; may I see each person's worth.

As a citizen of heaven, make me useful here on earth.

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Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

Lent 2

"So much is out of our control."



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10:00 AM

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WE GATHER

Prelude

If You But Trust In God To Guide You

Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

We Cross the Threshold

Good Enough

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

Katherine Decker

Let us pray together:

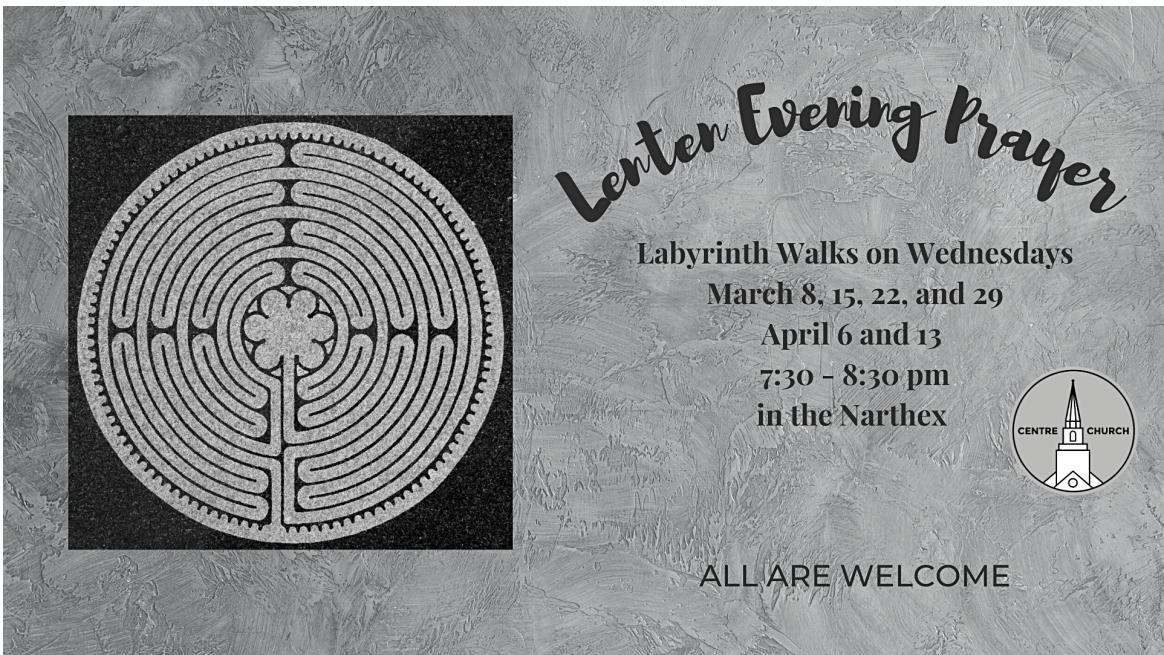
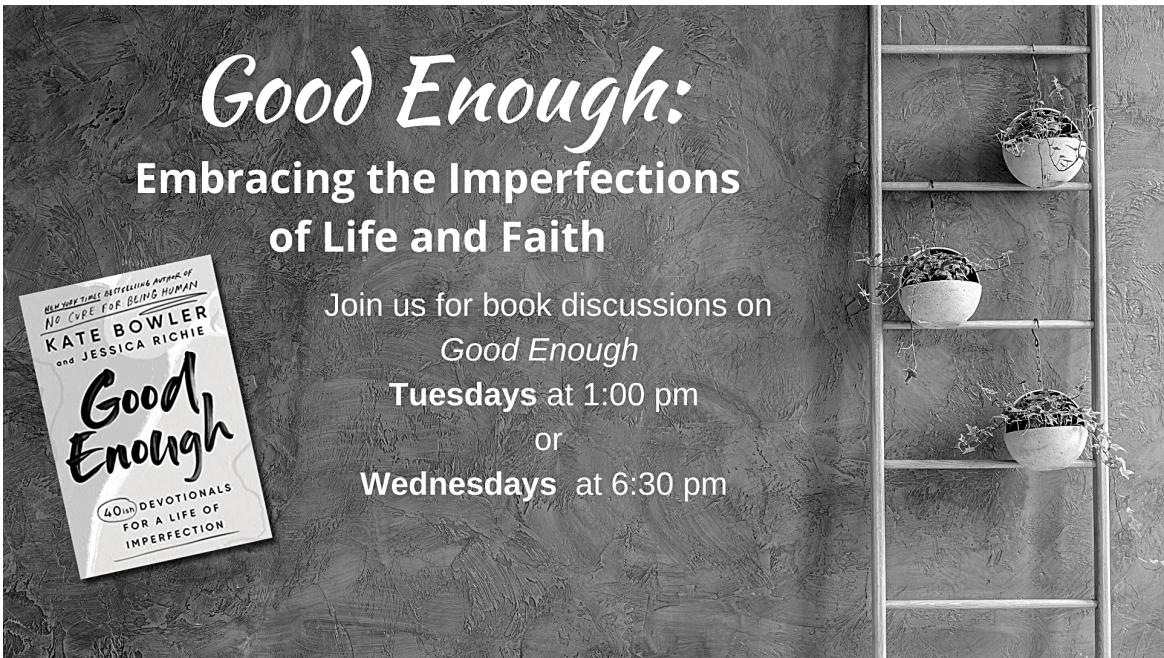
Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths. Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

Mini Message

Larainne Wilson and Allison Barbieri

"Can't Control the Rain"

*stand as you are able



ALL ARE WELCOME

Choral Reprise

God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.

Postlude

Toccata



Our ushers today are Bill Seelig and Jeff Law.

The flowers on altar this morning are given by Angela Fell, in loving memory of her husband Hartley Fell.

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Opening Hymn

*Take Time to Be Holy

(see insert)

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Honest Question

Rev. Nancy

Silent Reflection

Compassionate Response

Rev. Nancy

Hear this compassionate word from the Psalmist: "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" Know that already, God is offering us freedom from feeling alone in fixing what feels oh so wrong with this world, inviting us to let go of the need to *be* God, so that we might recognize that God is *with* us, offering courage in difficulty.

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

The Word in Music

A Woman Came Who Did Not Count The Cost

Arr. Clyde

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35
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Katherine Decker

Response

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.

Thoughts about an Imperfect Life and Faith

"So Much is Out of Our Control"

Rev. Nancy Rottman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

A Word on Sanctification

When food and raiment are not ever sure,
and simple fare is hard to get for some,
we work to share our goods with one and all,
and that is enough, enough for me.

Oh, that's enough for me,
God's truth has set me free;
a love like Christ's is meant for ev'ry soul,
and that is enough for me.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

OFFERING

Offertory

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Lojeski

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore**

Tune: Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

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A Blessing for When You Realize Everyone is Struggling

Benediction

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;

Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,

Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;

Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;

Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;

And run not before Him, whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,

And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.

Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,

Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.