

Visions United Spirit Gathering
April 3, 2022
Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith
 Lent 5: "We Are Fragile"

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Place

Brian Botten

God's Doors Are Open to All!
Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts
 Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
 races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
 sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Lighting of Christ Candle & Candle of Peace for the World

Brian Botten

Sharing the Peace

Brian Botten

The Peace of Christ be with you
 And also with you.

Sharing Our WOW moments

Brian Botten

Theme Invitation

Good Enough – We Are Fragile

Shawn Redden

Song

Good Enough (2x)

Lead: Visions Choir; Piano: Peter Lightfoot

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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 in Prayer (*prayer based on Psalm 126*)

Shawn Redden

Holy One, Lover of Souls,
 we call out to you.
 You know our tears and sorrows,
 and you bear the seeds of grief with us.
 Open us this day to your comfort
 that nurtures these seeds into sheaves of joy—
 the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.
 Amen.

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Conversation for All Ages

Shawn Redden

Wisdom Reading in Word and in Song

John 12:1-8

VU#129 Said Judas to Mary

*Piano: Peter Lightfoot**Lead: Brian Botten, Trudy Colpitts, Bill Peters*

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Reflection on the Story*Shawn Redden***Video Reflection** Vulnerability & Shame *with* Brené Brown

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<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/shame-and-vulnerability>**Honest Questions, Compassionate Response***Shawn Redden*

What if we stopped denying the limited nature of our lives

and breathed in deeply the fragrance of vulnerability?

How might we open our hearts more deeply to each other

and to the joy and pain of living?

*- Silent Reflection -****Song** MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart (*refrain, v3, refrain*)*Lead: Lorna Teed; Piano: Joan Hawkes*

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Community at Prayer*Brian Botten***An Invitation to Generosity & Blessing of Our Gifts***Brian Botten**Offering is brought forward*

Generous God,

in light of your extravagant blessings—

no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—

we offer our gifts and ourselves,

and know that you transform what we plant

into the produce of love. Amen.

Visioning Moment*Jill Baycroft***Announcements***Brian Botten****Song** MV#178 Who Is My Mother*Piano: Peter Lightfoot*

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Changing the Light & Blessing*Brian Botten***Choral Reprise** **Good Enough***Words/Music: Marcia McFee, Marsha Moors-Charles & Chuck Bell*

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Postlude Music for the Journey*Thank You for Joining Us!**May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.*