

Visions United Spirit Gathering
April 15, 2022 – Good Friday
Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith
 “Even Today, God is Here and Somehow, that is Good Enough”

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Place

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.

Good Friday Invitation Good Enough – Even Today, God is Here *Shawn Redden*

Song Good Enough (2x)

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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 *(Based on Psalm 22)*

Holy One, Trusted Guide of our ancestors,
 at times we feel forsaken.
 You took us from the womb
 and laid us in the safety of loving arms,
 and yet life has thrown us again and again
 into the loss of connection.
 Gardens of joy grow silent with grief.
 Be with us this day as we look upon the cross
 and mourn what cannot be. Amen.

***Song** I Come to the Garden (In the Garden) (v1, refrain, v3, refrain)

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We Listen for Wisdom

Good Friday Thoughts about an Imperfect Life and Faith

Shawn Redden

***Song** VU#134 Shadows Gather Deep and Cold

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A Tenebrae John 18:12-19:42

Brian Botten

*Tenebrae is an ancient Good Friday service.
The story of the suffering and death of Jesus from John's gospel
is divided into 15 readings,
and a candle is extinguished with each reading.
In this way the shadows lengthen as we come close to and contemplate
the meaning of the crucifixion and death of Jesus.*

Song VU#136 O Come and Mourn with Me a While (vs.1&4)

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Wrapped in Cloths of Care – A Time of Contemplative Prayer

Shawn Redden

*Hold the piece of gauze cloth in prayer.
What is something in your life and/or in our world that you mourn?
Hold the concerns that arise within you in prayer during the silence.*

*You may want to wrap this cloth around your wrist to wear
as you journey into the world
and as you wait for Easter's promise.*

*We will end this time of prayer with a song and blessing.
Depart in silence as you feel ready.*

Song VU#137 The Love That Clothes Itself in Light (vs.2,4&5)

(Tune O Waly, Waly)

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A Blessing for Good Friday

Song of the Winding Sheet
by Jan Richardson

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Depart in Silence