

Visions United Spirit Gathering

April 3, 2022

Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

Palm Sunday: "We Are a Group Project"

Beloved, Imperfect Community

Our Community Gathers

Gathering Music

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Place

Shawn Redden

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

Shawn Redden

Sharing the Peace

Shawn Redden

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

Sharing Our WOW moments

Shawn Redden

A Palm Sunday Invitation

Are you coming?

Readers: Simon, Charlotte & Jill Baycroft

Excerpt from a drama by Linnea Good

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from the Psalm-body's Prayin' Subscription Group

Conversation

Palm Sunday Story

Luke 29-40

Brian Botten

Song

VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey (vs.1&2) *Lead: Charlotte & Jill Baycroft*

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Conversation

Song

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We Call on God in Prayer

Brian Botten

Creator, Source of All

we come with our praise and our hopes

waving our palms

celebrating the promise of spring.

Yet, we know what lies ahead:

we know we will forget to love our enemies.

we know we will wander from your path of peace.

We will lose heart with ourselves

and others, as the way gets harder.

As we travel this Holy Week,

may we open our hearts

so we can remember You
so we can embrace Love
so we can walk in Peace
so we can live with Hope.
Bless our journey in faith. Amen.

Introduction We Are a Group Project: Beloved, Imperfect Community *Shawn Redden*

Song	Good Enough (2x)	<i>Lead: Visions Choir</i>
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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.

We Listen for Wisdom

Story	A Road of Cloaks	Storyteller: <i>Trudy Colpitts</i> Source: Shawn Redden, 2022
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(Symbol of cloak and palms placed)

Song

Were you there when they waved the palms and sang?
Were you there when they waved the palms and sang?
Oh -- Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they waved the palms and sang?

Scripture John 13: 34-35 *Brian Botten*

Story	A Supper Remembered	<i>Storyteller: Anna Peters</i> Source: Shawn Redden, 2020.
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(Symbols of Bread and Chalice placed)

Song

Were you there when he gave them bread and wine?
Were you there when he gave them bread and wine?
Oh – Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he gave them bread and wine?

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Scripture Luke 22:60-62 *Brian Botten*

Story	Where was our courage?	<i>Storyteller: John Russell</i> Source: Shawn Redden, 2020.
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(Symbol of rooster placed)

Song

Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled?
Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled?
Oh – Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled?

Story The Saddest Day

Storyteller: *Glenna Lightfoot*
Source: Shawn Redden, 2020.

(Symbol of nails placed)

Song

Lead: John Foster

Were you there when they crucified our Lord?
Were you there when they crucified our Lord?
Oh -- Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified our Lord?

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Scripture Matthew 27:27-31

(Symbol of Cross placed in silence)

Story Keeping Vigil

Storyteller: Kay MacVicar
Source: Shawn Redden, 2020.

(Symbol of linen cloth placed)

Song

Lead: John Foster

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh -- Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

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.

A Moment for Visions

Jill Baycroft

Announcements

Brian Botten

***Song** VU#121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Vs. 1-4)

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Changing the Light & Blessing

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Choral Reprise Good Enough

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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.