

Caradoc Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship - March 2, 2022 - Ash Wednesday

Good Enough - Embracing the Imperfections of Life & Faith:

“Perfection is impossible. Transformation isn't”

WE GATHER

Threshold Moment

Threshold Song: 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.

Welcome & The Peace

Hymn #461 Be thou my vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father Thine own may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with Thee

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'n ward, O pow'r of my pow'r
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WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51: 1-3, 10-12

Special Music Video: **Come as you are** by The Many

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon - **Thoughts about an Imperfect Life and Faith**
“Perfectionism is impossible. Transformation isn't.”

WE RESPOND

Ritual of Ashes (oil anointing) and Turning Ladders into Gardens

Hymn Sing Out! We're made of common dust

Sing out! We're made of common dust;
One day, to dust we shall return!
Yet, God, you've placed your mark on us
And so for you our spirits yearn.

This gift of ashes we receive
Reminds us we belong to you.
You call us to repent, believe,
and seek your Way in all we do.

The dust and dirt of children's play,
of youthful times, of working years
Are part of life — and life's decay;
We wash the dust with sorrow's tears.

We sing, O God, of what you give:
This ash reminds us we are yours.
In life we're claimed, in death we live!
In Christ our life, your love endures.

A Blessing Before a Fast

Blessed are you, ready to open yourself to a new joy,
a doorway that until now has been hidden.
In this culture of acquisition and gain,
blessed are you desiring fresh ears to hear
what might be a bit too loud.
Who take the next step to turn it down a notch
and make more space for God.
Who discipline yourself, with time, intention,
and hope, anticipating God to show up
in your discomfort.
Trusting that when we need God,
God promises to be there.

God, give me courage,
give me strength, give me hunger for you.
Let this set time of less be a chance for more of you.
Let this fast be an entrance into the discernment

I desire,
the divine presence I'm longing for,
and the hope to will what You will, oh God,
to be who You've called me to be.
Amen."

Benediction

Choral Response: God is still here

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