

## Second Sunday in Lent



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**March 13, 2022, 10 a.m.**

**Message:** "Was Jesus Out of Control?" Rev. Laura Folkwein

**Hymnist:** Amy Leach | **Cantor:** Chris Fastnow

**Special Music:** Betsy Wise

*\*Daylight Savings Begins\**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

We come together to celebrate the seasons of Christian life and to welcome diverse people into community. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation. We covenant as God's instruments to study and practice wisdom and compassion, to encourage the spiritual work of each individual for the sake of the world, and to perform joyfully and humbly acts of kindness and justice. We, Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be open and affirming. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, mental and physical ability, and racial, ethnic, or socio-economic backgrounds.

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## Order of Service

### OPENING BELL

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING 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. (sing 2x)

### OPENING PRAYER (based on Psalm 27)

Liturgist, Jill Kirk

**Unison: 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.**

### The Children Lead Us

Pastor Laura and Rev. Danielle Rogers

### Honest Questions, Compassionate Response (Confession & Assurance)

*What if we could let go of needing all things and all people to be "just so" and instead learn to dance with the unfolding of that which is not ours to control?*

### SILENT REFLECTION

Leader: Know that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

**Response: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 27:1, 4-9 & Luke 13: 31-35

Liturgist, Jill Kirk

Leader: A Word of God that is still speaking,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** "Was Jesus Out of Control?"

Rev. Laura Folkwein

**ANTHEM** "100 Ways"

by Betsy Wise, guitar & vocals

quote that inspired "100 ways" song: *"Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground."* --Rumi

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORDS PRAYER** *Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kin(g)dom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the Kin(g)dom, the power, and the*

glory forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Take, O take me as I am"

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**Liturgist, Jill Kirk**

When we loosen our desire for control, we become more generous with ourselves, with others, and with what we have to share. Let us give freely, without expectation of particular results, yet full of hope for what our gifts, together may become. *Your offering is gratefully received in the offering plate, or online at [www.uccbozeman.org/giving](http://www.uccbozeman.org/giving). Ask us about setting up your giving via EFT, electronic funds transfer.*

**DOXOLOGY:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (Unison) 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN #581 "Lead Us From Death to Life"**

**A Blessing for When You Realize Everyone is Struggling** (from "Good Enough")

**Left:** Blessed are you who see things clearly, where struggle is everyone's normal. You walk among the fellowship of the afflicted, a club no one wants to join.

**Right:** And while this life isn't shiny, it does come with superpowers. Superpowers of ever-widening empathy and existential courage that gets you back up after another fall and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found amid life's rubble.

**All: Like flowers that grow from the cracks in the sidewalk. These virtues blossom in you. And thank God for you. Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company, and we'll never walk alone.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Just Dance"**

**by Betsy Wise, guitar & vocals**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lenten Study** - *Good Enough: 40ish devotionals for a life of imperfection* by Kate Bowler with Jessica Richie and/or *Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel* by Kate Bowler. We hope to schedule a daytime and an evening group, and to have online and in person options.

**The Altar-scape Task Force** - is looking for donations of artificial plants and white vases (ceramic, metal or glass) as a wonderful contribution and much appreciated. - *A donation box is located in the Narthex*

**Can you help?** Our Kids Activity Table at the back of the church could use a helper each week to assist with quiet crafts and to encourage young worshipers to join hymns and prayers. Ask Danielle or Pastor Laura for more information.

**Weekly inspiration on the Pilgrim Blog:** This week "*On living truth (sometimes)*" by Mindy Misener read here: <https://www.uccbozeman.org/pilgrim-blog>

**Still Searching...** We are still looking for an Office Manager, spread the word. If you would like to look at the job description go to our website for more information. <https://www.uccbozeman.org/welcome>

*Please mask up and stay home if you feel ill. We have N-95 masks if you need one.*

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## **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

*(from Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill)*

Love is my light and  
my salvation,  
whom shall I fear?  
Love is the strength of  
my life,  
Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of Love,  
that I shall ever seek:  
That I might dwell in the  
Heart of Love  
all the days of my life,  
To behold the Beauty of my Beloved,  
and to know Love's Plan.

For I shall hide in Love's heart  
in the day of trouble,  
As in a tent in the desert,  
Away from the noise of my fears.  
And I shall rise above  
my struggles, my pain,  
Shouting blessings of gratitude  
in Love's Heart

And singing melodies of praise  
to my Beloved.

Hear, O my Beloved,  
when I cry aloud,  
be gracious and answer me!  
You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart responds,  
"Your face, my Beloved, do I seek;  
hide not your face from me."

Do not turn from me,  
You who have been my refuge.  
Enfold me in your strong arms,  
O Blessed One.  
Though my father and mother  
may not understand me,  
You, my Beloved, know me and love me.

### **Luke 13: 31-35 (New Revised Standard Version)**

#### *The Lament over Jerusalem*

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, [a] 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when [b] you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

# TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

## Ostinato Refrain

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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2 - Give, O give us hearts to serve;  
Some small gesture of your love;  
Help us offer up ourselves to build your peace.