

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Focusing on the vision to grow in diversity, in heart, and in community.

SUNDAY MORNING



July 19 • Sermon 9:30 am • Town Hall 12 noon

Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson is a pastor, prophet, digital evangelist, and author. He is a graduate of St. Catherine University and Liberty Seminary. The author of *I Know What Heaven Looks Like*, Rev. Richardson writes about and advocates for LGBTQ people, people of color, and the flourishing of all; with his works appearing in numerous national and international publications. • <http://www.ltrichardson.com/>



July 26 • Sermon 9:30 am • Town Hall 12 noon

Rev. Tyler Sit is an ordained United Methodist elder and church planter of New City Church in South Minneapolis. Sit received the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship at Boston University, where he recieved an undergraduate degree in Communication and Spanish. His Master of Divinity degree is from Candler School of Theology, Sit was deeply shaped by his experience as a prison chaplain in the beginning of the Black Lives Matter movement. • <http://gownewcity.church>



August 2 • Sermon 9:30 am • Town Hall 12 noon

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Voelkel is a pastor, theologian and movement builder. She is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Justice at Lyndale United Church of Christ and the author of several books including *Carnal Knowledge of God: Embodied Love and the Movement for Justice* (Fortress Press). Rebecca is passionate about justice of all kinds, embodiment, love and joy-- particularly as they are expressions of God’s desire for our lives. • <http://www.revdrrebeccammvoelkel.com/>



August 9 • Sermon 9:30 am • Town Hall 12 noon

Rev. Angela T. Khabeb serves at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. Pastor Angela is a Bridges Scholar and Distinguished Alumna of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago where she received the 2018 Emerging Voice Award and the James Kenneth Echols Prize for Excellence in Preaching. She completed her undergrad at Carthage College in Kenosha and is a published writer and essayist. • <https://htlcmpls.org/about-us/staff/>



August 16 • Sermon 9:30 am

Rev. Matta Ghaly (they/them/theirs) is a Lutheran pastor of Egyptian descent, serving at The Flame and Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon. After studying process-oriented psychology, Matta completed a Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary and a Master of Arts in Liberation Theology at the Graduate Theological Union. In their practice, teaching and accompaniment, Matta aspires to be intimate with the heart, attuned to the body’s wisdom, and grounded in cultural humility. • <https://www.daretoblessthe love.org/mattaministerpage>



August 23 • Sermon 9:30 am

Rev. Frenchye Magee is an ordained elder in the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church and the first woman of color appointed to Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. Mississippian by birth, global citizen by choice, she loves Baldwin, Beethoven, and Bonhoeffer and believes engaging people of faith to shift their ethos from despair to discipleship is the work of ministry. She has been to Timbuktu and back. • <http://haumc.org/staff/>

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July 26

Bible Study
5-6 PM

July 29

Book Group
6-7:30 PM

Aug. 2

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Aug. 5

Book Group
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Aug. 9

Bible Study
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Aug. 12

Book Group
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Aug. 16

Author Speaks: Rabbi Mychal Copeland, “Struggling in Good Faith: LGBTQI Inclusion from 13 American Religious Perspectives”
6-7 PM

Aug. 19

Book Group
Author Speaks: Grace Ji-Sun Kim
6-7:30 PM

Aug. 25

“What Do We Do Now?” facilitated by Rev. Frenchye Magee and Rev. Jia Starr Brown
6-7 PM

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July 18

“MONadvocacy: Intro to Intersectionality” facilitated by Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda
6-8 PM

July 25

“Multi-faith Roundtable” hosted by Rabbi Micael Latz, other intersectional clergy
6-7:30 PM

Aug. 1

“Social Distance and White Privilege” facilitated by Rev. Rebecca Voelkel
6-7:30 PM

Aug. 8

“Trans Intersections in the Biblical Text” facilitated by Rev. Matta Ghaly
6-7 PM



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important series
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More about our "Journey to Freedom"

LISTEN

Six guest preachers, each **preaching** from the same Scripture passage through their own cultural lens. Series Scripture: John 4:4-26 "The Woman at the Well."

EXPLORE

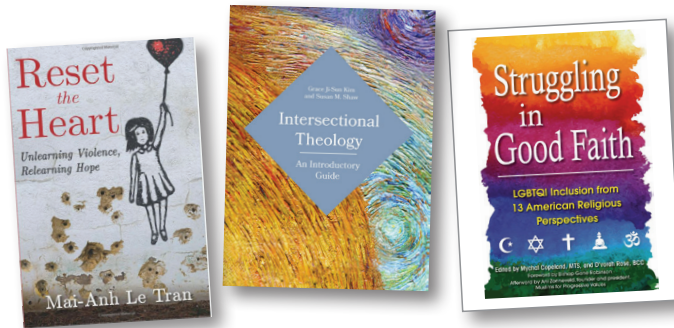
Exploring "intersectionality" in **bible study**. Discussing ways to amplify intersectional voices that are on the fringes in our churches and communities today.

EXPERIENCE

Experience the beauty of original art; the music and poetry created by six local **artists** used during the Journey series online worship services.

LEARN

Learn from authors and church leaders as they offer education and perspective in **trainings, workshops** and **book groups**.



JOURNEY SERIES DEVELOPER



Rev. Jia Starr Brown stands at the intersection of many of the marginalized who she advocates for: black, lesbian, woman, both spiritual AND religious. Her experience in advocacy, community engagement, and diversity training encompass more than 20 years. Recognizing a need, Pastor Jia designed the first Journey series three years ago, and it continues to grow every year.

Holding a Master of Divinity in Congregation, Mission, and Leadership, Jia is a doctoral student in the field of Religious Education at Luther Seminary and Associate Pastor at First Covenant Church in Minneapolis.

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Trainings and Workshops

MONadvocacy: Introduction to Intersectionality

A racial justice facilitation exploring the intersectionality of race, gender and urban policy.
Facilitated by Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda, 7/18, 6-7:30pm

Multi-Faith Roundtable

A clergy roundtable conversation about intersectionality with interfaith and progressive flavor. -
Hosted by Rabbi Michael Latz (7/25, 6-7:30pm)

Social Distance and White Privilege

Helping white folk lean into the reality of white racial identity and the impact of social location on our work for justice, solidarity and love in the world.
Facilitated by Rev. Rebecca Voelkel (8/1, 6-7:30pm)

Trans Intersections in the Biblical Text

An opportunity to explore the intersections of Non-Binary and Trans bodies.
Facilitated by Rev. Matta Ghaly (8/8, 6-7pm)

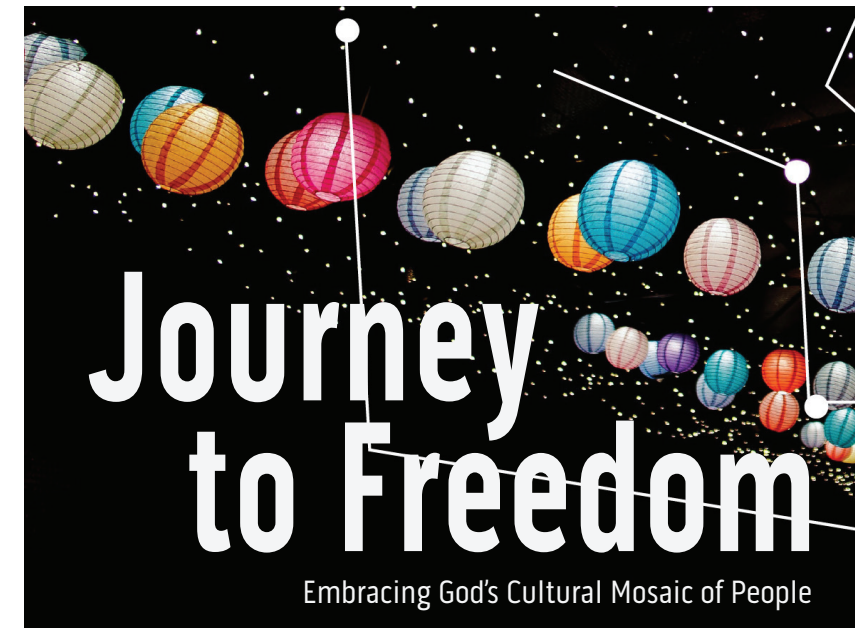
Author Speaks

Rabbi Mychal Copeland author of "Struggling in Good Faith: LGBTQI Inclusion from 13 American Religious Perspectives"
(8/16, 6-7:30pm)

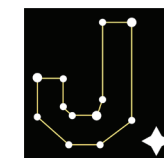
What Do We Do Now?

Reflecting on the entire intersectionality-themed series, we will discuss action steps to continue the justice conversation.
Facilitated by Rev. Frenchye Magee and Rev. Jia Starr Brown (8/26, 6-7pm)

COLLABORATION PARTNERS



Creating (virtual) space to amplify the need and value of diverse voices in our worship communities.



Journey Series July 18 - Aug 26