

May 4

Putting Childhood Behind: Towards a Mature Faith

Led by Dr. Ben Rhodes

Sunday school sometimes teaches that we must come to Jesus like a child and encourage a childlike faith. But the New Testament also encourages having a mature faith and leaving the ways of childhood behind. Are both true? In this class, we'll discuss the interplay between maturity and childlikeness as it comes to faith.

May 11

What's the Difference? Positivity Within the Faith Community

Led by Laura Mortenson, LICSW

There is "a time to weep and a time to laugh," but how do we discern those times? We will discuss the pitfalls of either lingering in lament or forcing positivity and how we can practice presence with one another in joy and sorrow.

May 18

Faith 20/20 Year in Review

Led by Faith 20/20 Team

What themes, actions, and resolutions emerged for us this year?

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**How can we flourish
in our faith together?**

January 5–19

Minor Prophets: The Robust Voice of God in Changing Times

Led by Kirk Livingston

Start 2025 with a look at how two minor prophets (Haggai and Zechariah) spoke God's words into the chaos of national change. They called people in Judah away from idolatries and back to a powerful God whose plans differed from the empire that occupied Judah. How do God's designs differ from the plans of today's empires?

January 26–February 2

A City on a Hill: The Importance of Place in the Christian Faith

Led by Dr. Ben Rhodes

The Christian faith often focused on people, and as a result the category of "place" has been neglected. Scripture, however, is attentive to the role of place in the interaction between God and the world. In this class, we'll explore the role of "place" as a fundamental category of human spiritual experience.

February 9–16

Job: Think Again

Led by Fred Everson

The story of Job is one of protest and argument with or against friends and God.

Job's life has been thrown completely, painfully, off-kilter. The story can help us when our beliefs and lifestyles are challenged, when life is "involuntarily reorganized," and when old answers are no longer satisfied.

February 23

What's the Difference? Connection within the Faith Community

Led by Laura Mortenson, LICSW

It has been said that the "second pandemic" is loneliness. In this class, we will ponder how we, as Christians, can view building connection as a spiritual discipline and explore ways to increase meaningful connections in our faith community.

March 2–16

Cross-Cultural Engagement

Led by Rachel and Tom Jones

Rachel and Tom Jones have over 25 years of cross-cultural ministry experience, having worked in Africa and the Twin Cities. They will present on Islam and guide discussions about positive engagement with our neighbors.

March 23–30

Immigration in Word, Picture, and Voice

Led by the Multicultural Team

What do the words "immigrant," "asylum seeker," and "refugee" mean? What pictures do those words conjure—and are those pictures accurate? Join us as the Multicultural team defines terms and explores how Salem Covenant Church expresses God's concern for these "strangers."

April 6–13, 27

Honest Faith: Old Testament Theology through the Book of Psalms

Led by Dr. Kaz Hayashi

The prominent Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann wrote an influential book titled *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy* (Fortress, 1997). We will learn from Brueggemann's theological reflection and use the book of Psalms to model how Christians can have an honest faith.