



# SERVE IN PLACE

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### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Due to COVID-19, Summer Impact Cincinnati is pivoting this year to empower people to support the continued work of local partnerships to serve our neighbors in new, creative, and safe ways. Serving as a resource to individuals, families, groups, and churches, Serve in Place Cincinnati will be an information hub detailing how people can serve, share the love of Jesus, and transform their community while their lives are transformed as well. Not only will this resource be in place this summer as we continue to "shelter/stay in place" but it will serve as an ongoing resource. The long-term goal of Serve in Place is to encourage, support, and empower congregations and the community to serve locally and establish or strengthen partnerships with local organizations.

<https://www.summerimpactcincinnati.org/serve-in-place>

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### Working our Core

The Mayo Clinic has the following statement on their website:

*"Core exercises improve your balance and stability."*

People in the health care industry and physical trainers are all in agreement: Working our core is critical to our physical health. Millions of dollars has been made selling programs such as "Abs of Steel." Strengthening exercises for our core are abundant and easily accessible.

What would happen if we apply the statement above to our minds and spirits, examining our faith and values?

What would happen if we were willing to step back and examine what we believe so that we solidify our core – our core beliefs?

This weekend I invite you to join us as we begin a sermon series designed to strengthen our core. We live our lives, day to day, based on what we believe. We respond to what is happening in the world because of the values that we hold dear. Jesus, the Christ, taught us to love God and neighbor, set the oppressed free, and work for healing, hope, and peace for all.

Each week we will take a deep dive into central beliefs of the Christian faith. This week we explore the meaning of "The Glory of God," studying both the biblical understanding as well as how it applies to our daily lives.

The times we live in can threaten to shake us, to throw off our balance. I pray that during this challenging season you will join us for this sermon series that takes us back to the basics: the core beliefs of the follower of Christ.

May God richly bless you this week and always!



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## YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY

Are you heartbroken by the racial divide in your country, your city, your church, or your family? Can you no longer tolerate the injustice, apathy, and fear you see around you?

If you answered yes, then this study is for you. This 9-week study will happen on Mondays from 7:00-8:30p via Zoom from June 15 – August 10.

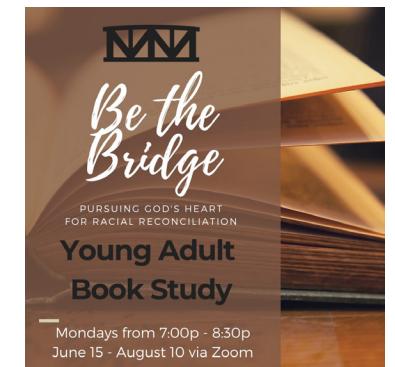
This study will help each person develop greater awareness of God's desire for ALL people to form a unified body in Christ. You'll be given tangible steps to take in order to transform your current views and vision regarding racial diversity. You'll have your assumptions and stereotypes challenged and your world view expanded. You'll begin to bring interracial healing and transformation into your sphere of influence. Are you ready to commit to this work?

For more information (materials needed, zoom links, session schedule), please visit <http://hydeparkchurch.org/youngadults/> or contact Pastor Kate at [ksmith@hpcumc.org](mailto:ksmith@hpcumc.org)

## DISCUSSIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE

As Pastor Doug said, while the sermon series on racial justice concluded, our work is just beginning. The Justice Ministry will be hosting multiple ways for people to engage in education, discussion, and self-reflection about race. You are invited to participate in a monthly documentary film and discussion and/or choose a book to read and be part of a group discussion.

**13th Documentary Discussion**  
**via Zoom on Sunday, June 28th**  
**from 7:00p-8:30p** 13th, titled after the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States.



## LIMITED RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH

### Limited Re-Opening of the Church for Small Groups, Classes and Meetings:

Pastor Cathy and I have been working on guidelines for reopening the Church. After the survey deadline on June 12 the survey data will be inserted and a final draft will be presented to the COVID-19 Task force; who in turn will make a recommendation to the Servant Leadership Board. The more immediate change in Protocol and Policy is as follows: Beginning June 8, the church will be open, 9:00 am-9:00 pm for classes, small groups, and meetings less than 10 people. Masks will be required. If you are interested in securing a room for your small group, class or meeting, contact Amanda Kern ([akern@hpcumc.org](mailto:akern@hpcumc.org)) to schedule a room. Group leaders will be responsible for encouraging participants to wear their masks. Chairs should be arranged to ensure social distancing of at least 6 feet. Participants shall not attend any gathering if they are sick/feverish/experiencing respiratory issues. If a participant tests positive for COVID-19 they agree to contact their Group Leader and/or Pastor Doug. Thank you for your understanding over the past 3 months, and in the weeks ahead. This limited re-opening is a small step in moving forward in a positive direction. Let me know of any questions, stay healthy, safe and blessed!

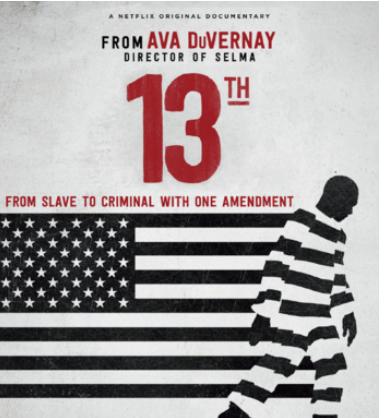
## PROMINENT POSTLUDE PROJECT

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the 5-week Prominent Postlude Project, offered by Resident Organist Brenda Portman. We have been hearing prominent selections from the organ repertoire as slightly extended postludes at the end of the online service. Please stick around at the end of the live-stream for these final two weeks of the project, and hear all the stops pulled out on our fantastic Casavant organ!

June 14 Alec Wyton: Fanfare

June 21 Jehan Alain: Litanies

To see program notes about the composer and the piece, please go to our website under Music Ministry.



Please visit: [hydeparkchurch.org/justice](http://hydeparkchurch.org/justice) for more information

## SUMMER ADULT CLASSES

### Religion And Science-Pathways To Truth 6 week online Class, Wednesday evenings

**Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns**

June 17, 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22  
6:30 – 8:00 pm.

You are invited to join Pastor Cathy for a 6-week course this summer! Participants will receive a video link to view before class and discussion guide via email prior to each session. Dr Francis S. Collins, Director of the National Institute of Health, hosts this ground-breaking series. Over a dozen leading scientists, theologians, and philosophers explore the contrasts and similarities between religion and science. Topics include:

- Friends or Foes? The Story of a Complex Relationship between Faith and Science
- Truth in Science and Religion
- God and Nature
- Creation and Evolution
- What Does it mean to be Human?
- Genetic Science and the Frontiers of Ethics

**Registration: Please contact Pastor Cathy to register by June 15th at [cjohns@hpcumc.org](mailto:cjohns@hpcumc.org)**

### The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian

**Facilitator: Rev. Doug Johns**

New Class begins June 16th  
10:00 am

Pastor Doug's Tuesday morning Study Group will begin a new study on Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 am., via Zoom (if you have not participated in Pastor Doug's class in the past, please email him to enroll in the class). We hope to begin meeting in person at the Church on July 7th.

On June 16th we will begin the study of Brian McLaren's book: *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. The books will be available to pick up at the Church beginning Tuesday, May 26th, suggested donation, \$10.