

Keynote Speaker and Worship Leader



Rev. Elizabeth Myer Boulton

Rev. Elizabeth Myer Boulton is Minister of Discipleship at Old South Church in downtown Boston. She served for five years as the founding pastor of Hope Church (Roslindale). Prior to that she served in an Associate Pastor internship at a church in Kansas, as a Chaplain Intern at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and as a Global Mission Intern in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She is jointly ordained in the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She is the proud mama of Jonah and Maggie, a lover of glitter, and an aspiring gardener hoping to grow a big pumpkin this year in the front yard.

With her husband, Matthew Myer Boulton, she is a founding member of the [Butterflyfish Band](#). Butterflyfish began “with a watermelon picnic. While the kids ate and played, the grown-ups got to talking about music, about faith, and about how best to pass on and enjoy the old, old stories in beautiful new ways.”



Rev. Dr. Matthew Myer Boulton

Rev. Dr. Matthew Myer Boulton is a theology professor by day, songwriter by night, and loves taking his kids (Jonah and Maggie) out to Fiddleheads for blueberry pancakes.

He is currently on academic leave from his position as Associate Professor of Ministry Studies at Harvard Divinity School. He has published on Reformed liturgical theology in dialogue with social science and Christian lamentation in dialogue with biblical studies, and he is the author of *God Against Religion: Rethinking Christian Theology Through Worship* and a co-editor and contributor to the volume *Doing Justice to Mercy: Religion, Law, and Criminal Justice*. He is now at work on a book on John Calvin and spiritual formation. An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he also directs the early choir at Old South Church in downtown Boston, Massachusetts.

With his wife, Elizabeth Myer Boulton, he is a founding member of the [Butterflyfish Band](#).



Department of Mission Uprooting Racism Guest Speakers

Rev. Ervin E. Milton

The Rev. Ervin E. Milton serves as Team Leader in [Justice and Witness Ministries](#) of The United Church of Christ. With this responsibility, he serves as Director of [Franklinton Center at Bricks](#), a Conference and Retreat Center in Whitakers, North Carolina.

Additionally, Ervin serves as Pastor of Union Chapel UCC in Burlington, NC.

Previously, Rev. Milton served as Associate Conference Minister for Eastern North Carolina of the Southern Conference, UCC and as Southern Regional Associate for the Office for Church Life and Leadership. Ervin has served many organizations which include the [Ecumenical Partnership Committee for the Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#) and the UCC; Vice-President of the United Church Board for World Ministries (now [Wider Church Ministries](#)); The Board of Trustees at [Elon University](#) and [Shaw Divinity School](#) in Raleigh, NC.

Ervin Milton's passion is that of making the world around him a place where "fairness" and justice are experienced by all. His hobbies include gardening and casual conversation.



Dr. Edith Rasell

Dr. Edith Rasell is on the national staff of the United Church of Christ serving in Justice and Witness Ministries as Minister for [Workplace Justice](#). She works with UCC congregations around the country as well as national and local organizations to bring greater economic justice to people in the US and around the world, especially the poor and marginalized. Rasell also works ecumenically and with the interfaith community through organizations like [Interfaith Worker Justice](#), [Let Justice Roll](#), [Jobs with Justice](#), and the [National Farm Worker Ministry](#). Rasell is a UCC layperson and holds a PhD in economics. Before coming to the UCC she worked for 12 years at the [Economic Policy Institute](#) (EPI), a highly regarded, progressive think tank in Washington DC.
