



Friday Workshop Offerings for the 221st Annual Meeting of the Vermont Conference, UCC

***Real Good Church* by Rev. Molly Phinney Basketts (moderators Rev. Daniel Cooperrider and Rev. Katelyn MacRae)**

Rev. Basketts shares "how her church came back from the dead, and yours can too!"

***Laudato Si* by Pope Francis (moderators Rev. Nancy Wright (ELCA) and Fred Taylor)**

Discussion of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment.

***The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan (moderated by Jeanne Zammataro)**

John Dominic Crossan examines Jesus' prayer as a call for distributive justice that all might have a fair share of God's world.

***The Book of Forgiving* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Rev. Mpho Tutu (moderated by Rev. Marissa Laviola)**

Archbishop Tutu and his daughter the Rev. Mpho Tutu offer a compelling manual on the art of forgiveness.

***Movie: Fruitvale Station* (moderated by Rev. Debbie Ingram)**

This dramatic film follows 22-year-old Oscar Grant on the last day of his life before he was fatally shot by subway police in Oakland, California.

***Chasing the Scream* by Johann Hari (moderated by Rev. Susie Webster Toleno)**

Hari examines the flawed beginnings of the War on Drugs and proposes possibilities for a saner approach to addiction.

***The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding* (by Ranya Idlibi, Suzanne Oliver & Priscilla Warner (moderated by James Levinson, Craig Hammond & Mehlaqa Sandani of the Brattleboro Interfaith Council))**

In the aftermath of 9/11, women from the three Abrahamic traditions seek understanding of each other, their faiths and connection across these lines in the new age of terrorism.

***Chasing Francis* by Ian Morgan Cron (moderated by Chris Heintz and Rev. Tracy Weatherhogg)**

A pastor attempts to resolve his faith crisis by retracing Francis of Assisi's path in Ian Morgan Cron's novel.

***Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* by Walter Brueggemann (moderated by Rev. Mary Kay Schueneman)**

Walter Brueggemann asserts that keeping Sabbath offers a transformative vision of what God intends for all of us.