

MORE ABOUT CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT

Internationally known retreat leader Cynthia Bourgeault divides her time between solitude on Eagle Island, Maine, and a much more extraverted schedule in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she serves as Principal Teacher for the Contemplative Society and an adjunct faculty member at the Vancouver School of Theology.



As well as her role with the Contemplative Society she is a teacher of prayer, writer on the spiritual life, and Episcopal priest. She is author of six books: *Chanting the Psalms*, *Mystical Hope*, *The Wisdom Way of Knowing*, *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*, *Love is Stronger Than Death*, and *The Wisdom Jesus*. She is a past Fellow of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural research at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, and an oblate of New Camaldoli Monastery in Big Sur, California.

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The House of Hope Presbyterian Church Presents:

THE DIDIER SEMINAR
ON RELIGIOUS AND
CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT

APRIL 23 – 25, 2010

**MEDITATION AND VISIONARY
SEEING IN THE CHRISTIAN
TRADITION**

WITH REV. DR. CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT

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What are the core concepts of Christian mystical heritage?

How can you develop a contemplative practice?

Reverend Bourgeault's teachings draw from scripture, old texts, tradition, and great teachers from past and present. She is passionately committed to the

recovery of the Christian contemplative path and has worked closely with Father Thomas Keating and Father Bruno Barnhart, two Christian contemplative masters.

She will lead us in an exploration of the core concepts of our Christian mystical heritage and their relevance for contemplative spiritual practice. Topics will include mysticism and visionary seeing, the human vocation, the invisible

in the visible, the Trinity, the practice of prayer, and the heart's own language.

She will help us understand Jesus as a world teacher who belongs to the collective spiritual heritage of humanity. She will provide practical tools that engage the seeker in learning "how to seek," not "what to seek."

Following the lecture sessions, she will lead a participatory session on Centering Prayer.

THE SCHEDULE FOR 'MEDITATION AND VISIONARY SEEING IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION'

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 pm – 9 pm Thomas Merton and the Christian Contemplative Tradition

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9 am – 12 noon Jesus as Visionary
Gnosis and Gnosticism

Lunch on your own

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Practicing Centering Prayer

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 am Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault preaching at Worship

11:15 am Christian Contemplatives as Visionaries and Prophets

LOCATION

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Please enter the church from the Portland Avenue doors. The Wednesday night events will take place in the Assembly Room on the main floor of the church near the Portland Avenue doors. The April seminar will be held in The Great Hall in the lower level.

Both the seminar and the advance lectures are free and open to the public.

ADVANCE LECTURES AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Programs are scheduled from 7 pm – 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The Kabbala and Jewish Mysticism

Rabbi Simeon Glaser, Temple Israel, Minneapolis

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The Practice of Centering Prayer

Professor Michael Dennis Brown, University of Minnesota English Department. His emphasis is on creative writing and poetry. He is author of To Be Certain of the Dawn and Things I Can't Tell You.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Spiritual Traditions of Yoga

Professor Joy Laine – Dr. Laine has studied and taught yoga for over 30 years. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Philosophy Department at Macalester College. She specializes in philosophy of the mind and language. Her work encompasses Western and Indian philosophical traditions.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Forms of Buddhist Meditation – Zen

Ken Ford, Instructor, Clouds in Water Zen Center, Minneapolis

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, APRIL 7, 14, 21

Book Study – The Wisdom Jesus by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault

This study will be led by Sister Virginia Matter, Spiritual Director, The Benedictine Center, Maplewood. She has experience in several spiritual traditions: monastic East/West, dialogue with Buddhists and Hindus, Native American Creative Arts, and Christian Spirituality.