



The Peace Chapel at St. Mark's, dedicated in 2012, is a place where people from all walks of life experience the love of God and the hope of everlasting peace. The simple design of the chapel creates an intimate space where prayer comes easily and God's presence feels close at hand. Affiliated with the Community of the Cross of Nails, an international peace movement that began in response to the World War II bombing of Coventry Cathedral in England, The Peace Chapel holds weekly prayers for the reconciliation and peace of all people and nations. Whether for peace within our hearts, for personal reconciliation with others or for lasting peace among the nations, prayers are offered amidst the quiet beauty of the chapel.

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HATE **FAITH** **LOVE**
DISTRUST *Cooperation*
FEAR **ANXIETY** *Compassion* **TOLERANCE**
suspicion **Freedom** **TRUTH**
ANGER **HOPE**  **RESPECT**
GRUDGE **INTEGRATION** **PROGRESS**
DECEPTION *Judgement* **GRACE** **HOLINESS**
HOPELESSNESS **ACCEPTANCE**
WAR **FORGIVENESS** **TRUST**

THE PATH TO PEACE

REWRITING THE NARRATIVE OF FEAR

ST. MARK'S PEACE LECTURE SERIES 2017

FEBRUARY 16 • FEBRUARY 23 • MARCH 2

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Being afraid is a terrible way to live. When we are afraid, we close ranks. We protect ourselves from one another, and we mistrust others, including God, even when God's voice calls to us, "Fear not!"

The 2017 Peace Lecture Series at St. Mark's explores how fear manifests itself politically, socially, and theologically with speakers offering resources to help us chart a path to peace that rewrites this narrative of fear. For three Thursday evenings, February 16, 23, and March 2, we will hear from fearless leaders who serve the margins of society and from Christian, Jewish, and Islamic clergy who give their lives to proclaiming God's way of peace.

Join us for the fourth annual Peace Lecture Series and leave feeling hopeful and inspired to find peace among the myriad of voices that tell you to be afraid. The lectures are held in Coleman Hall in the Staluppi Center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and School in Palm Beach Gardens. They are free and open to the public.

A SOLIDARITY THAT DOESN'T BREAK

THE REV. HANNAH ADAIR BONNER

Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Rev. Hannah Bonner is a United Methodist pastor whose call led her to keep vigil for 80 consecutive days at the Waller County Jail, Texas, where Sandra Bland, an African-American woman, was jailed and mysteriously died while in custody. The Rev. Bonner has launched a movement that brings theological tools to current issues around race and culture, speaking through social media and traditional forms of peaceful resistance. Having been featured in *The Washington Post* and other national news sources, she is an active clergy person serving on the front lines of justice.

FEAR IN FAITH:

AN INTER-RELIGION PANEL DISCUSSION
RABBI YARON KAPITULNIK
THE REV. JOHN D'MELLO
IMAM JAZAKALLAH MOHAMED

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Extremism has crept into all three of the world's Abrahamic faiths. Christianity, Islam, and Judaism are all vulnerable to the corruption of basic truths of their faiths and have had to grapple with the narrative of fear both from within and from beyond. Our panelists will discuss how that fear manifests within each of these faith communities and how each tradition addresses fear in the pursuit of peace.

WHEN NO ONE WANTS TO LISTEN

TONY PLAKAS - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
COMPASS COMMUNITY CENTER

Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

No one feels more vulnerable than a fearful teenager struggling with his or her sexual identity. Tony Plakas leads Compass, an organization dedicated to working with LGBT youth and the communities in which they live. While the recent Supreme Court decision ensured marriage equality for all, the Pulse nightclub terrorist attack and others remind us that fear continues to diminish the dignity of every human being and drive people to acts of violence and terror.