

You're Invited! To a March 8-9 Psalms Gathering!

All events are free. We welcome all!

Please complete a brief online registration form and let us know when you are coming for host Church of the Holy Family's hospitality planning purposes. Contact: Pastor Cynthia Drew, pastorcynthia@holyfamilyco.org.

Psalms Gathering in Aurora, CO, March 8-9: A Dialog with Eden Seminary Professor Clint McCann

"I am for peace"*: The Psalms for Justice-Seekers and Peace-Makers

*(Psalm 120, v. 7)

The Church of the Holy Family (Ecumenical Catholic Communion) is hosting this Psalms gathering starting **Friday evening, March 8**, with a **7:00 - 8:30 p.m. opening session** -- and ending Saturday evening, **March 9 at 5:00 p.m.**, with our regular worship & fellowship at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church. **Please join us for any or all events!**

-  **Friday, March 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**, Opening session: **Praying & Singing Psalm 23: A Statement of Justice**. Enjoy coffee and cookies with us at 11250 E. Iliff Ave.!
-  **Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.:** Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
-  <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-am-for-peace-the-psalms-for-justice-seekers-and-peace-makers-tickets-55453729598>
-  Enjoy coffee and breakfast snacks with us at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church!
-  **Saturday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.:** Morning session at Christ the Savior, 1092 S. Nome St., Aurora, CO 80014: **Is Psalm 82 the Most Important Text in the Bible?**
-  **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:** Enjoy a Lenten soup lunch with us!
-  **12:30 – 2:00 p.m.:** Afternoon session, closing song/prayer at Christ the Savior: **Psalms of Praise & Lament: Living Toward God's Shalom In a World That's Not**
-  Free will offering will be taken to defray costs of hospitality & speaker's travel.



Clint McCann's research and writing have focused on the Psalms. A noted biblical scholar, he served as chair of the Psalms Section, Society of Biblical Literature, for 10 years. His publications on the Psalms include: *The Shape and Shaping of the Psalter* (1993); *A Theological Introduction to the Book of Psalms: The Psalms as Torah* (1993); the Psalms commentary in *The New Interpreter's Bible* (Vol. 4; 1996); *Preaching the Psalms* (2001); *Great Psalms of the Bible* (2009); *Psalms: Immersions Bible Studies* (2011); & annotations on the Psalms in *The Access Bible*, *The Learning Bible*, & *The Discipleship Study Bible*. Dr. McCann is the author of numerous articles & essays on the Psalms & other biblical material. He served as Consulting Translator of the Book of Psalms for *The Common English Bible*, & wrote the introduction to & annotations on the Psalms for its *Study Bible* (2013). He is also the author of *Judges* (2002) in the series *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*.

Professor McCann is a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), & served as a pastor in North Carolina from 1978-1987. He frequently teaches beyond the Eden campus, & has lectured or taught for church groups or academic gatherings in 27 states. During the summers of 2007-2010 & 2012-2013, he served as Resident Minister of the New Piasa Chautauqua near Elsah, IL. Clint is especially interested in the intersection of religion & culture. His book *Facing the Music: Faith and Meaning in Popular Songs* (2009) sprung from this interest, & he often uses songs & videos in his teaching. To fulfill his commitment to multicultural education, Clint has led groups of students to Guatemala & Costa Rica; to Nicaragua & Costa Rica; and to El Salvador & Costa Rica. He continues to increase his proficiency in speaking Spanish.

Professor McCann's teaching philosophy is to "try to instill in students the idea that academic inquiry is a way to deepen their faith. Questions and new ideas are always a stimulus to think, and the simplest definition of theology is 'thinking about God,' especially about the astounding implications that the Bible portrays God as unfailingly gracious, merciful, and loving on a world-encompassing scale."

Rev. McCann is committed to attempting to practice what he teaches. He is active with CROP/ Church World Service, Bread for the World, Heifer International, & International Partners in Mission. He is an Associate Member of the Iona Community (based on the Isle of Iona & in Glasgow, Scotland), & is dedicated to pursuing justice, peace, & the flourishing of all creation.

After completing his academic preparation -- Davidson College, A.B., 1973; Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, D.Min., 1977; Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Th.M., 1978; Duke University, Ph.D., 1985 -- Clint's been on Eden Theological Seminary's faculty since 1987.

Clint's wife, Sarah, is one of the pastors of Hope United Church of Christ in St. Louis. He has three daughters—Jennifer, Sarah, & Annalise—and a son, Ian. In his spare time, Clint enjoys playing and watching basketball—especially Duke & Davidson basketball—and long jumping & triple jumping in local, regional, & national Senior Olympic competitions. He also runs half-marathons.