

Adult Forum: Sunday, November 1, at 10 a.m.
Undercroft (Kitchen Level)

*The Forum will focus on the poems of Emily Dickinson
and their relation to her views on religion.*

Please read the poems before the gathering. During the first part of our time together, we will discuss these poems. During the second part, we will create art collages (cut-and-paste images/materials) in response to our discussion and reflections.
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Thank you, vEnessa Acham.

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

"Faith"

"Faith" is a fine invention
When Gentlemen can *see*!
But Microscopes are prudent
In an Emergency!

"Some keep the Sabbath going to Church"

Some keep the Sabbath going to Church -
I keep it, staying at Home -
With a Bobolink for a Chorister -
And an Orchard, for a Dome -

Some keep the Sabbath in Surplice -
I, just wear my Wings -
And instead of tolling the Bell, for Church,
Our little Sexton - sings.

God preaches, a noted Clergyman -
And the sermon is never long,
So instead of getting to Heaven, at last -
I'm going, all along.

"This World is not Conclusion"

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A Species stands beyond -

Invisible, as Music -

But positive, as Sound -

It beckons, and it baffles -

Philosophy, dont know -

And through a Riddle, at the last -

Sagacity, must go -

To guess it, puzzles scholars -

To gain it, Men have borne

Contempt of Generations

And Crucifixion, shown -

Faith slips - and laughs, and rallies -

Blushes, if any see -

Plucks at a twig of Evidence -

And asks a Vane, the way -

Much Gesture, from the Pulpit -

Strong Hallelujahs roll -

Narcotics cannot still the Tooth

That nibbles at the soul –

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<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/emily-dickinson>

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