

The Beloved Community at Gesu  
Presents  
**Race, Climate, Water and  
the Bible**

**Seeking Ancestral Help in Our Hour of Apocalypse**

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Water in our time is “speaking.”

It demands a new hearing in the “Shouting Voice” of hurricanes and floods,  
In the “Withheld Voice” of droughts and wildfires, in the “People’s Voice” crying for access as  
COVID rampages in Detroit and elsewhere, poisoning continues to be ignored in Flint,  
and water wars threaten everywhere.

Sobered by recent UN assessments that two-thirds of humankind will not have access to adequate water by 2025, this series examines the way this essential gift of the Creator is crying out a prophetic demand that Christians recognize and deeply repent their history of settler colonialism. We are called to re-examine the Bible from an indigenous point of view and to undo the 15<sup>th</sup> century Roman Doctrine of Discovery that licensed Western theft of native lands.

**10/7 The Big Question:  
Climate Change as “Water Speak”**

Time and Place  
7-9 P.M. in Gesu Church

**10/14 The Historical Situation:  
Settler Colonialism and the Doctrine of Discovery**

**10/21 The Alternative Orientation:  
Indigenous Wisdom “Schooling” of Christian Vision**

**10/28 The Growing Struggle:  
Ancestral Help in the Face of Apocalyptic Fear**

Gesu Church, Oak Drive and Santa Maria, Detroit, Michigan 48221  
Church seating is limited. In-person attendance must mask up and be registered on [Eventbrite](#).

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