

**Trinity Church - Milford**

**Sacred Ground: A Film-based Dialogue on Race and Faith**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> – November 24<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Register: DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

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Please confirm which session you choose:

Sunday 5- 6:30 pm OR Tuesday 7-8:30 pm

In response, you will receive a password to access the videos and readings for each session. Because of licensing and copyright considerations, these are available only to registrants.

**To Purchase:** 2 core books:

Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*

Debby Irving, *Waking Up White*

This the only cost associated with the program.

**Schedule:** We have scheduled 5 of the 10 sessions. Each session meets twice, every other week: on Sundays at 6 pm and on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The two groups will be distinct and diverse communities, but we will also share conversations. We hope that each group will include some people who already know each other and people who are new to each other. Further organizational logistics will depend on how many people register. We will schedule sessions 6-10 to be held in January & February, as a pre-Lenten program

## SACRED GROUND: OUTLINE FOR SESSIONS 1-5

Session Topics	Meeting Times	Theme	Preparation Time
I. Stepping onto Sacred Ground	Sunday, 9/27 5-6:30 pm Tuesday, 9/29, 6-7:30 pm	Understanding American History & the American Dream: Contradictions & Possibilities	Video: 1.5 hours: <i>American Creed</i> Reading: about 20 pages
II. The Roots of Whiteness, and Deeper Roots	Sunday, 10/11, 5-6:30 pm Tuesday, 10/13, 7-8:30 pm	Race is a human construction, not a biological reality. What purpose is served by different racial categories? Who were white people before they became white?	Videos: <i>The Myth of Race Debunked in 3 Minutes</i> [3 min.] <i>Decoded: Are Cracker, White Trash, &amp; Redneck Racists?</i> [5 minutes] Reading: about 100 pages
III. Whose Land?: Exploring Indigenous History	Sunday 10/25, 5-6:30 Tuesday 10/13, 7-8:30 pm	A historical overview of the relationships between European Americans and Indigenous peoples of America	Videos: PBS – 77 min. <i>The Episcopal church</i> :14 min.  Reading: about 50 pp
IV. Transatlantic Slave Trade & Slavery: Exploring Black History	Sunday 11/8; 5-6:30 pm Tuesday 11/10, 7-8:30 pm	A historical overview of slavery and the different ways that its complex web of economic complicity has involved almost everyone	Videos: PBS: 56 min. Episcopal Church: 23 min.  Reading: about 20 pp
V. Whose Land? More Layers: Exploring Latino History	Sunday 11/22, 5-6:30 pm Tuesday 11/24, 7-8:30 pm	The “in between place” where the Latinx community lives	Videos: PBS: 2 min. YouTube: 7 min.  Reading: about 30 pp.