

**St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
Invites You to a
Racial Justice Program
With Reverend Elle Dowd –
Author of “Baptized in Tear Gas”**



Pastor Elle Dowd (She/They) is the Campus Pastor for the Episcopal/Lutheran South Loop Campus Ministry which offers spiritual community for the students, faculty, and staff associated with the universities and colleges of Chicago's South Loop.

Elle is a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and a current Ph.D. student at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Her book, ***Baptized in Tear Gas*** describes her personal experience and ultimate transformation from being a bystander to becoming an activist and ally to Black Lives Matter protesters during the Ferguson uprising, in Ferguson, MO in 2014.

The Program

Friday January 27th - At 7:00 PM, Reverend Dowd will read excerpts from her book and sign copies. A wine and cheese reception will be held prior to the reading.

Saturday January the 28th – At 12:00 PM, The Rev'd Kenn Katona will host an informal soup and sandwich luncheon with Pastor Dowd which will be followed by a workshop titled: “**Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change**” (description below) from 1:00pm – 3:00 PM.

Scripture tells us that our spiritual ancestors dreamed of a world where everyone will have what they need to thrive - a world where people are healed, the hungry are fed, captives are liberated, and prisoners are set free. Yet when we look at the pain all around us, this dream can feel far away. In the face of such profound suffering, it can be hard to believe that another world is possible at all. But even when it doesn't feel true, there are so many ways that our faith can be used to bring God's vision of abundance and liberation to fruition. Pastor Elle Dowd (she/they) will lead us in a workshop on the role of the Church in our collective liberation and the tool of spiritual imagination as one of the Church's most important contributions to the world.

Sunday January the 29th – At 10:30am Pastor Dowd will be our guest preacher. The service will be live streamed and the sermon and service will be archived on The St. Barnabas' YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.barnabas5165/featured>