



# Wisdom Ways

Center for Spirituality  
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## Fall 2017 Hedgerow Syllabus (Tentative Schedule):

- 9/25 God in the Shared World of the Sixties:** A theological world about to turn in a decade of civil rights, war protest, gay pride, and feminism. Writing theology is a narrative process. Presentation Chapter 3: God in the History of Theology, 61-74, Christ/Plaskow.  
**Instructor: Joan Mitchell, CSJ, PhD.**
- 10/2 Personal religious experience:** books, people, groups, events that mark us. Read Chapter 1, For the Beauty of the Earth, 3-32, Christ.  
Read Chapter 2, Stirrings, 33-60, Plaskow  
**Instructor: Mary Kaye Medinger, MA**
- 10/9 Carol's Turning: From God to Goddess**  
Read Chapter 4, 75-106, Christ  
**Instructor: Joan Mitchell, CSJ, PhD**
- 10/16 Judith's Seeking: Finding a God I Can Believe In**  
Read Chapter 5, 107-130, Plaskow  
**Instructor: Rabbi Sharon Stiefel**
- 10/23 What Is Our Relationship to Divinity in Our Shared World?**  
Read Chapter 6: Feminist Theology at the Center, 131-146, Christ/Plaskow  
Conversation and sharing with partners.  
**Instructor: Rev. Nancy Victorin -Vangerud, PhD.**
- 10/30 Carol's Answer: Goddess Is a Personal Presence Who Loves, Understands, Inspires, Enjoys.** Read Chapter 7: Answering My Question, 147-170, Christ.  
Write your theology of God.  
Conversation and sharing with partners.  
**Instructor: Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud, PhD.**
- 11/6 Judith's Wrestling with Good and Evil** Read Chapter 8, 171-190, Plaskow.  
Write your theology of God.  
Conversation and sharing with partners.  
**Instructor: Rabbi Esther Adler**
- 11/13 Critique: How do you think of divine power?**  
Read Chapter 9, 193-216, Christ.  
**Instructor: Mary Kaye Medinger, MA**  
Conversation and sharing with partners.

**11/20 Critique: Beyond Rational Argument: Constructing Theological Narrative**  
Read Chapter 10, 217-240, Plaskow.  
Conversation and sharing with partners.  
**Instructor: Joan Mitchell, CSJ, PhD**

**11/27 Response: If Goddess Is Not Love**  
Read Chapter 11, 241-264, Christ. Respond to partner's critique.  
Conversation and sharing with partners.  
**Instructor: Rev. Barbara Lund**

**12/4 Response: Evil Once Again**  
Read Chapter 12: 265-286, Plaskow.  
Conversation and sharing with partners.  
**Instructor: Rabbi Esther Adler**

**12/11 Final Sharing: Embodied Theology & the Flourishing of Life** Read 287-302.  
Discussion of Chapter 13. Sharing theological writing.  
**Instructor: Joan Mitchell, CSJ, PhD.**

**Guest Instructors:**



**Rabbi Esther Adler** has served as a rabbi at Mount Zion since 2000, and serves part-time as Associate Chaplain at Hamline University.



**Rabbi Sharon Stiefel**, rabbi of the Reconstructionist congregation Mayim Rabim and spiritual counselor of Sholom Johnson Hospice, has devoted her career to helping individuals and communities at moments of transition.



**Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud**, chaplain and director of the Wesley Center at Hamline University, loves traveling with students for service or spiritual exploration and helping people learn to grow food sustainably.