



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

on the Branford Green

May you find Christ, Community and Compassion within these historic walls.

Rector's Recommended Reading

Marcus Borg, Borg is among the most widely-known and influential voices in progressive Christianity. "He combines the critical eye of the scholar with the mediating sensitivity of faith."

The Heart of Christianity

Jesus; Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary

***Celebration of Discipline; The Path to Spiritual Growth*, by Richard Foster**

Foster defined simplicity as "an *inward* reality that results in an *outward* life-style. The inward reality is spiritual centeredness – keeping everything in a state of awareness and connected to the two great commandments; love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

***Amazing Grace, A Vocabulary of Faith*, by Kathleen Norris.**

Norris identifies the *Sanctus* – Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might – as a moment in the liturgy of great importance and an illustration of the movement from ordinary to extraordinary time. She says "The Sanctus feels like a door to me, opening onto eternity, where the angels and all the saints sing "Holy, Holy, Holy." These few simple words are used to break open our world and Christ becomes present, silent in the sacrament."

***The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better*, by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett**

A hard-hitting study of the social effects of inequality and its profound implications.

***The Great Emergence*, by Phyllis Tickle**

There is a profound movement taking place in Western Christianity, not unlike the Protestant Reformation of 500 years ago.

One renovation arising from this Great Emergence that Phyllis describes is a shift in how we approach church. She sees that we are moving from a model of *Believe, Behave, Belong* to one of *Belong, Behave, Believe*. Belonging has replaced adherence to doctrine as the means of entry into a community of faith.

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