

Day of Discipleship 2025



Schedule:

8 am to 8:45 am	Check-in and Continental (light) breakfast
9 am to 9:15 am	Opening Devotion Time
9:15 am to 9:45 am	Panel Discussion- Rev. Jacob Nault and our workshop leaders
Break	
10 am to 11 am	Worship and Keynote/Sermon with Rev. Jacob Nault In our worship time together, we'll reflect together on Psalm 139 and the idea of a disabled God. Anchoring us will be an original song by Rev. Jacob Nault (you can hear it at this link.)
11 am to Noon	Lunch
Noon to 12:45 pm	Workshops
12:45 pm to 1 pm	Gathering Back in the Sanctuary for Closing Time

Eden Bookstore are present and offering books for sale in the Social Hall along with DuBois Center.

Take a look at this year's **BOLD** workshop offerings-

Workshop A - Disability Theology and the Way of Jesus – Sanctuary - Main Level

Take a deeper dive with Rev. Jacob Nault, our keynote speaker, into the world of disability theology. We'll explore various definitions and examples of ableism, talk about steps churches can take to dismantle it, and sing a more accessible church into being together!

Workshop B - Language Matters – Social Hall - Lower Level

Rev. Tim Darmour-Paul helps us answer: How do we talk **about** people living with different physical and mental health conditions without promoting stigma? How do we talk **with** people having different physical and mental health concerns without widening the gaps between us? A child psychologist once said, "Love is wealth. But even with material wealth, we often find that large sums need to be broken down into small currency. For our love to serve [others], we must learn to break it down into the words that can help." This workshop will explore some of the ways we can learn to "break down" our love for others into words to help reduce stigma and to help promote mutual relationships.

Workshop C - Advocacy For Special Needs – Fireside Room - Main Level

Rev. John Pawloski and Missy Kichline, the mother of a special needs child and an advocate for services, will lead a workshop on advocacy exploring the theological underpinnings of advocacy for those with special needs, as well as exploring legal and practical implications of how churches can accept persons with differing abilities and make church welcoming for them. A brief primer on accessibility issues will also be presented.

Workshop D - Accommodations In Worship For Those With ADHD — Music Room - Main Level

Rev. Stacy Tate and Student Pastor Angela Nolan will present on autism and ADHD. Rev. Tate will discuss how to accommodate people on the autism spectrum in worship, and Pastor Nolan will center her discussion around the importance of understanding ADHD and how Rejection-Sensitive Dysphoria (RSD) impacts those with ADHD, especially when trying to fit into the community, build relationships, and feel connected spiritually.

Workshop E - Unseen but not Unfelt: The Church's Role in Supporting Those with Invisible Illnesses – Youth Room – Lower Level

A workshop presented by Rev. Tim Powers-Reed exploring the challenges faced by individuals with autoimmune disorders and other unseen disabilities. Through presentation and discussion, we will examine how faith communities can cultivate awareness, accessibility, and compassionate care to better serve and uplift those living with these conditions.