



September 12th, 2026 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

[participant] : Good morning from Milwaukee where I am enjoying a great view of Lake Michigan and the temp is 84

[participant] : Lovely music!

[participant] : Greetings from Laurens, SC

[participant] : Hello from Ames, Iowa!

[participant] : Greetings from Kingsville, Canada

[participant] : Good Morning from Sheila in South Dakota

[participant] : Blessings from Lake Tahoe in Nevada

[participant] : Greetings and Blessings from a cold wintery Cape Town, South Africa

[participant] : Over the summer I read 5 Caputo books and another about his thought, along with many other books, while rehabbing from a back surgery. Would enjoy discussed off-line
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[participant] : I am an inclusive, mystic, methologically included seeker. I like Houston Smith, Joseph Campbell and am looking forward to the Sony movie of the Hindu Ramayana due out in English and world-wide on Nov. 6!

[participant] : Hello from Lyn in Franklin MA

[participant] : RF IS on from South Africa

[participant] : greetings from the Lakes Region of NH!

[participant] : Can you post the poem?

[participant] : I plan to pull this 600 page tome of the shelf: Psalms (New Cambridge Bible Commentary) by Walter Brueggemann (Author), William H. Bellinger Jr (Author)

[participant] : I very much appreciate the thought of a voice break for me as a stranger in my world. I look forward to the discussions this year!

[participant] : Saint Teresa of Avila said, the only hands Jesus has, are yours.

[participant] : All through this conversation the sci-fi novel by Robert Heinlein, Stranger in a Strange Land comes to my mind.

[participant] : [participant] truly belongs to us!

[participant] : [participant], welcome home. You are in the right place!

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[participant] : citing John Denver's wonderful line, "Coming home to a place I'd never been before."

[participant] : Speaking of being eclectic -- Just another resource I've found helpful
<https://clbsj.org/> Center & Library for the Bible and Social Justice

[participant] : Sweet Honey in the Rock sings a haunting song based on this Psalm.....

[participant] : Yes, Susan, happy clappy songs NEVER have felt called on to sing in worship ESPECIALLY, since they always deny any suppressed or un-expressed grief or pain, & therefore exclusive of truth; Therefore perhaps in place of our grovelling confessions in worship, we might include lamentation!

[participant] : Corpus Callosum

[participant] : John Schwrtz

[participant] : Kate, please keep speaking. I speak with a stutter, but I speak. You go girl!

[participant] : I really enjoyed this book in a book club: LatinoLand: A Portrait of America's Largest and Least Understood Minority, by Marie Arana, 2025.

[participant] : "We are reshaping ourselves" (Marianne Borg). Our "songs" are expressions of our lives, have more than one verse, and may have a key change to emphasize the "voice breaks" in our lives. Jesus is a perfect example of a "voice break"... with the status quo and connecting with others in love. Our emotions and suffering are unavoidable and can lead to internal healing and "reshaping ourselves". Everything continues to evolve as they have from the beginning of time. Nostalgia for the "good old days" is a denial of reality.

[participant] : "How shall I keep from singing?" I suggest brings right & left brain hemispheres together well...perhaps not perfectly, but I've felt it is an honest, questioning song!

[participant] : Paloma Negra - song by Yolanda Alicia on CD : Donde Andra's

[participant] : My CD is called DONDE ANDARAS - on Spotify or my website: yolandaalicia.com

[participant] : Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Verdi's opera Nabucco (aka Nebuchadnezzar)

[participant] : Thanks for bringing up the Verdi chorus Verdi was a hero of the Risorgimento, the movement that created the modern state of Italy. So that piece is treated in Italy as something like a national anthem. I wouldn't doubt that it was inspired by the Psalm.

[participant] : Lynne, what song is that? Yours? Can you share the lyrics?

[participant] : Dance!

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[participant] : Our church (Presby.) had a service of Lamentation a year or so ago. Very meaningful on several levels. I also encourage you to look at DavidLohman music.com. He's a gifted musician who wrote inclusive hymns for the Twin Cities movement to allow GLBTQ marriage, among other things. (We were fortunate to have him as our music director for 10 years.)

[participant] : I was in Cambridge UK, today. A very Anglican town!

[participant] : Someone recently has suggested that Christianity is a mystical expression needed always, but especially now! Wonder how others of 2nd Sat. Think?

[participant] : good idea

[participant] : Jorge Gnzales, 33 years ago, "the reason we are challenged by the psalms, is WE CANNOT HEAR THE MUSIC"

[participant] : Want to know how too message in the chats a particular participant.

[participant] : I believe Nina Simone was standing next to Jahalia Jackson when Mahalia called to MLK, Fr. Marting, tell them about your dream. So, he went beyond his prepared remarks to deliver what we all know best. stephens.braun@gmail.com

[participant] : Are the chat comments saved for referring to later?

[participant] : Silence...yes, more silence required to let the Voice within us to be heard!

[participant] : Bill Moyers, Joe Campbell

[participant] : What waskjell's question??

[participant] : or "attention to quiet" in lieu of "silence"

[participant] : Learn to live with your feet firmly planted in midair.

[participant] : Leigh Ann has just reminded me of the Meister Elkhart quote which has spoken for years to me: "There, where clinging to all things ends...is where God begins to be".

[participant] : Enjoying each meeting

[participant] : Milton

[participant] : I know, Milton

[participant] : John Milton said it in his poem on his blindness...

[participant] : We've been talking a lot about change in the states today. I had a second thought after I said my comment about coping with what is going on in the states. There is so much that has changed, but there is also so much that has stayed the same. Marianne and Jeff are still in

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the same spaces, sitting on the couches and chairs. Same backgrounds, same pictures, same pets... not much has changed here after all...

[participant] : And now, hearing Valerie, I, nearly 50 years a Canadian immigrant from Oregon, am in process of denouncing my U.S. Citizenship...which is done with care and much contemplation...which began long before the present U.S. Gov't, so I look forward to having a single citizenship (politically speaking) Canadian...while never stop loving & appreciating my inheritance in a once better country!