

how Baptist identity can be a source of belonging and becoming

Summer 2021 Sermon & Discussion Series

Free to Be: an exploration of Baptist identity, freedoms, ordinances, and associations

Why Baptist? This summer series will explore what it means to be Baptist and how our Baptist identity can be a source of belonging and becoming. For Baptists, faith means both freedom for the individual and formation in community. Perhaps in understanding our heritage more fully, we will hear – in new ways – who God is calling us to be and how God is freeing us to live.

Weekly Dates	Weekly Topics	Sunday Preachers 10:30 a.m. MT 5:00 p.m. MT	Tuesday Midweek Discussion Facilitator 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. MT Zoom
Week One June 6 June 8	Free to Be: A Divinely Created, Covenant People Old Testament Foundations of Identity, Belonging, & Covenant	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Rev. Daniel Schweissing
Week Two June 13 June 15	Free to Be: A Beloved People Living in Christ-like Community New Testament Foundations of Identity, Belonging, & Covenant	Rev. Alice Horner Nelson Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Anne Comstock
Week Three June 20 June 22	Free to Be: A Non-Creedal People Who Interpret Scripture for Ourselves & With One Another Baptist Freedom: "Bible Freedom"	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Round Table Discussion	Diana McGahan
Week Four June 27 June 29	Free to Be: A People Who Believe & Baptize Baptist Ordinance: "Believer's Baptism"	Rev. Chuck Goertz Rev. Jacob Goertz	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro
Week Five July 4 July 6	Free to Be: A People Who Stand for Freedom OF Religion, Freedom FOR Religion, & Freedom FROM Religion Baptist Freedom: "Religious Freedom"	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro	Rev. Brent Newberry First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA
Week Six July 11 July 13	Free to Be: A Priesthood of Believers Baptist Freedom: "Soul Freedom"	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Rev. Mary A. Hulst

Week Seven July 18 July 20	Free to Be: A People Who Break Bread Together Baptist Ordinance: "The Lord's Supper"	Rev. Brenda J. Goodman Rev. Matt Nelson	Rev. Matt Nelson
Week Eight July 25 July 27	Free to Be: A Local Church Who Organizes & Ordains as Christ Leads Us Baptist Freedoms: "Church Freedom"	Rev. Alice Horner Nelson Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro
Week Nine August 1 August 3	Free to Be: A Community that is Open to All, Closed to None The Story of Calvary's Inclusion Statement & How it Shapes our Vision	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Rev. Alice Horner Nelson
Week Ten August 8 August 10	Free to Be: A People Who Share Baptist Affiliation & Identity – Part I An Exploration of our American Baptist Identity & Associations (Nationally)	Interviews with Rev. Mary A. Hulst Former ABC-USA President Rev. Dr. Eugene Downing ABC-USA Anti-Racism Task Force Revs. Joyce & David Reed ABC-USA Global Servants Rev. Sara Reynolds	Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson First Baptist Church of Denver
Week Eleven August 15 August 17	Free to Be: A People Who Share Baptist Affiliation & Identity – Part II An Exploration of our American Baptist Identity & Associations (Regionally)	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro	Bill Warren
Week Twelve August 22 August 24	Free to Be: A People Who Partner with Others in Ministry An Exploration of our Local, Ecumenical & Interfaith Partnerships	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Min. Javon Bracey Juniper Formation & New Hope Baptist Church	Rev. Alyssa Aldape Contributor to Good Faith Media & Baptist News Global
Week Thirteen August 29 August 31	Free to Be: Whoever God Calls You to Be An Invitation to follow Christ Freely & Faithfully Using Your Unique Gifts	Rev. Alice Horner Nelson Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro
Week Fourteen September 5 September 7	Free to Be: Whoever God Calls Us to Be An Invitation to Join Calvary as We Move into our Future as a Community that Shares in Onsite/Online/Offsite Ministry	Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Rev. Alice Horner Nelson	Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

