



Mount Seymour
United Church

LOCAL PREACHER STIRS THE POT



Mount Seymour United Church doesn't look all that different than any other church. But Reverend Nancy Talbot wants you to know Mount Seymour is a Different Kind of Church — which just happens to be the title of a provocative series of fall sermons she will give beginning Sunday, October 18 at 10 am and to which the public is invited. The four sermon titles will interest a diverse group of people interested in exploring their faith:

Talbot wants to dispel some widely-held perceptions of 'church' and Christianity. "There is a common way that many people understand Christianity," she said. "This common way is not the way we understand church here at Mount Seymour United." That 'common way', says Talbot, includes the belief that "God is male, God is all-powerful, God intervenes in people's lives, makes people feel guilty." Everyday perception, suggests Talbot, is that

"the role of the church is to get us into heaven." "Many people think it's exclusive, that if you're Christian, it's the only way, that the Bible is a divine product." "I think what these sermons are saying is there's another way to understand all these things, a much more inclusive way, a way that honours each individual's experience." **People might come here expecting to be told what they have to believe.** We would say, "We support your search. It's not about believing in a set of doctrines."

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHURCH

Services begin at 10 a.m on Sundays. Talbot will have a question and answer session after each service.

There will also be a six-week study group that she calls a "safe haven" for any and all questions people have about their faith that will begin October 19. The Monday night group, which is also open to the general public, will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church. We only ask that people register and regularly attend this group if they wish to participate in the discussion.

FALL SERMON SERIES, SUNDAYS 10AM

Oct. 18 : The God I Don't Believe In

Oct 25: The Jesus Who Didn't Die for My Sins

Nov 1: The Bible God Didn't Write

Nov 8: The Heaven I'm Not Dying to Get Into



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