Shelly Rambo: An Introduction

Prof. Rambo will lead an adult church school class as part of her weekend A Weekend with Shelly Rambo

Rambo’s writing and teaching examine religious response to suffering, trauma and violence. Her latest work is “Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of the Afterlife of the Afterlife of the Afterlife.”

Professor of Theology at Boston University School of Theology. Professor Rev. Roger Gench will introduce the thought of Shelly Rambo: An Introduction for the church and the world.

A Weekend with Shelly Rambo

March 24, 10:00 a.m., PMH
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, page 174, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Ave Verum”
W. A. Mozart

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Reversing the Flow”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#215, “What Wondrous Love Is This”
Wondrous Love

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offerfy
8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.
11:00 a.m. “Sing Me To Heaven”
Daniel Gawthrop

*Response
#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Trinity, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
God of all things great and small,
we pray that through these gifts we may be transformed to see your abundance,
in all of creation
so that we may share the gifts you give us with others. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn
#170, “You Walk along Our Shoreline”
W. Lieblich Dor Maien

1 You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
“Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul.”

2 You call us, Christ,
to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives
we think we have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
across the water’s face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.

3 We cast our net O Jesus;
We cry the kingdom’s name;
We work for love and justice;
We learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather
God’s daughters and God’s sons,
To let your judgment heal us
So that all may be one.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response
Amen!

Postlude
“Te Deum”
Marc-Antoine Charpentier


We wish to thank David Williams for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Amy Gillespie in honor of the NYAPC trustees for their hard work in making the Downtown Center a reality.

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth on February 28 of Riley Victoria Mitchell, daughter of Heather and Travis Mitchell.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for all refugees—those waiting at borders, detained in Centers, living in camps—that their survival, living conditions, and status will be soon improved and resolved.

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Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Contact Joe Thierry at josepthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours: Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary following the service to tour the building and learn about our congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Nursery and Quiet Spaces for Families with small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us. Our nursery, located in Room 317 (3rd Floor), is an option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents are invited to feed their children in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet place, we have some additional seating in the balcony area (3rd Floor). You are also invited to use the meditation room located inside of the library on the 1st floor, as well as Alice and Stan’s outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

Worship and Worship Play: We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are a vital part of our community of faith. Being in worship together can help children understand God’s love and their identity as children of God. During our worship services, children’s worship bulletins, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, helpers offer Worship Play for ages 3-10.

When bulletins are waved during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action, which we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.

If you have been worshipping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have mislaid yours, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either nametag kiosk in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on either kiosk on a following Sunday. Nametags are one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.