

Word and Life — Winter 2020

Richard Rohr, *THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST*

How a Forgotten Reality Can Change
Everything We See, Hope for and Believe (Convergent Books, 2019)

The central claim of Richard Rohr's new book, *The Universal Christ*, is that there is a fundamental distinction between Jesus of Nazareth, on the one hand, and the Universal Christ, on the other. Jesus was a human being who lived and died 2,000 years ago; the universal Christ is an ever-present and all-encompassing presence that, while quintessentially expressed in Jesus of Nazareth, is also manifest both in and as every created thing. As Rohr repeats again and again, God (who is more or less equivalent to the universal Christ) loves things by becoming them, and not metaphorically.

DATE	CHAPTERS – PAGES – TOPICS	PRESENTER – HOST
Jan. 16 Wk. 1/red	Ch. 1: Christ Is Not Jesus' Last Name / Video for Super Soul Sunday: Oprah's conversation with Richard Rohr about <i>The Universal Christ</i> .	John Draper , Cottage Hospital Chaplain on-call, presenting Oprah Winfrey video. Michael Dean, host
Jan. 23 Wk. 2/purple	Ch. 2: Accepting That You Are Fully Accepted	Rev. David Moore , New Covenant Worship Ctr., S.B. Anna Grotenhuis, host
Jan. 30 Wk. 3/yellow	Ch. 3: Revealed in Us— as Us	Rev. Randall Day , Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Los Olivos. Pat McClure, host
Feb. 6 Wk. 4/blue	Ch. 4: Original Goodness	Rev. Elizabeth Molitors , Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church. Martha Siegel, host
Feb. 13 Wk.5/white	Ch. 5: Love Is the Meaning	Rev. Steve Jacobsen , St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Anna Grotenhuis, host
Feb. 20 Wk. 6/orange	Ch. 6: A Sacred Wholeness	Dr. Michael Kearney , Renown Palliative Care Consultant—SB. Judith McDermott, host
Feb. 27 Wk. 7/brown	Ch. 7: Going Somewhere Good	Rev. Jim Clarke , Chair, Spirituality Commission, LA Archdiocese. Anne Heck, host
Mar. 5 Wk. 8/green	Ch. 8 & 9: Doing and Saying; Things at Their Depth	Msgr. Clement Connolly , ret. Pastor, Holy Family Church, S. Pasadena. Judith McDermott, host
Mar. 12 Wk. 9/black	Ch. 10: The Feminine Incarnation	Alice MacDonald , M.A. Emeritus Leader / Word and Life. Anne Heck, host
Mar. 19 Wk. 10/pink	Ch. 17: Beyond Mere Theology: Two Practices. See also Appendices I & II.	Rev. Tim Burnette , Curator, "The Way Collective." Thomas Heck, host

The registration fee includes a copy of the book and admission to all ten Thursday AM sessions. Single-day sessions are \$15 each. Send your check (\$100, payable to Word & Life) and contact information (phone, e-mail, address) to:

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