**Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty Is Trending**

John Pavlovitz Speaks Out in Ames April 4-7, 2024

**The Program**

**Thursday, April 4, 6:00 pm**

**“Flipping the Table on Christian Nationalism,”** Public Lecture, Sun Room, Memorial Union, Iowa State University. This lecture will be recorded and made available at a later date. No online access on Thursday.

**Friday, April 5, 1-4 pm**

**“Compassion Fatigue,”** a special discussion led by John Pavlovitz for pastors and faith leaders seeking continuing education credit, Fellowship Hall, Ames UCC Church, 217 Sixth St., Ames IA. Open to any interested persons. In-person only.

**Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am to 3 pm**

The first two Saturday sessions will be presented at Ames United Church of Christ, 217 Sixth St., Ames IA and also will be available via Zoom to those who register. John Pavlovitz will lead all three sessions. The third session will utilize a workshop format and will not be available by Zoom.

* **9:00 am Welcome and Introductions**
* **9:10-10:30 am. “Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is Trending,” presentation and discussion.**

Break: 10:30-10:45 am

* **10:45 am to noon. “The Compassionate Activist Heart of Jesus,” presentation and**

**discussion.**

* Noon to 1:00 pm. Lunch, Fellowship Hall, $10. Sign up for lunch when registering for event.
* **1:00-2:30 pm. “EMPATHEOLOGY: Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion.”** Workshop format led by John.

**Sunday, April 7**

* **9:00-9:40 am. Q&A with John Pavlovitz**, Fellowship Hall, Ames UCC church. Note: This session will not be available via Zoom.
* **9:40-10:00 am. Meet and greet John Pavlovitz**, Fellowship Hall, Ames UCC church. This is an opportunity to meet John Pavlovitz. John must leave immediately following the worship service so he will not be available to greet worshippers then.
* **10:00-11:00 am. Worship Service at Ames UCC with John Pavlovitz** providing the sermon. Available in person or via Zoom.

Note: Those who register for the event will receive a Zoom link a few days before April 6. There is no charge for registration.

The Ames UCC Theologian in Residence Program brings noted religious leaders to Ames each year. Our events are open to the public at no charge.