

Is God vengeful, demanding a death for a death? Or is God compassionate, luring souls into love so great that no one can be considered "enemy?"

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7:00–9:00 pm

St. Andrew is delighted to welcome Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*. Sister Helen uses the lens of capital punishment to understand racism, classism and the unequal application of the constitution and human rights in America.

Join us as Sister Helen explores questions of legality vs. morality, Jesus' message of redemption, and the individuals she calls "the least of these," the members of the death row population in the national debate on the death penalty.

Sister Helen Prejean is a Roman Catholic nun who has become a leading American advocate for the abolition of the death penalty. Her efforts began in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1981, through a correspondence with convicted murderer, Elmo Patrick Sonnier, who was sentenced to death by electrocution. She visited Sonnier in prison and agreed to be his spiritual adviser in the months leading up to his death. The experience gave Prejean greater insight into the process involved in executions, and she began speaking out against capital punishment. She also founded Survive, an organization devoted to providing counseling to the families of victims of violence. Prejean has since ministered to many other inmates on death row and witnessed several more executions.



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