



# Retreats

for all who are called ...

... both to the journey  
*inward*

& the journey *outward*

**NEXT RETREAT: August 6-11, 2017 | Zephyr Point Conference Center | Zephyr Cove, NV**



## About Our Speaker:

**Wendy Farley** is the new Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Professor of Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She received her PhD from Vanderbilt University in 1988. Her teaching and research interests include women theologians, social justice, Buddhist-Christian dialogue, spirituality and contemplative practices.

The author of several books on spirituality, her first book, [Tragic Vision and Divine Compassion: A Contemporary Theodicy](#) (Westminster John Knox, 1990) considers the problem of evil by focusing on suffering rather than sin and abandons the forensic model of God in favor of one emphasizing compassion as a dominant metaphor for the divine. Her latest book, [The Thirst of God: Contemplating God's Love with Three Women Mystics](#) (Westminster John Knox 2015), explores the spirituality of medieval mystics Marguerite Porete, Mechthild of Magdeburg, and Julian of Norwich.

## Theme: BEAUTY as THRESHOLD to the DIVINE MYSTERY

This retreat will explore beauty as a way to open the heart for deeper intimacy with the Divine and deeper connection to all beings. We will use music, poetry, nature, and meditation as heart-opening thresholds to the profound peace and awakened compassion that life with The Beloved brings. Farley writes: "At this moment in human history, we are faced with very deep threats to human dignity and to the planet itself. Our hope, as Christians, to live in a way more conformed to the love of God for the world, is not easy to live out. It is easy to become discouraged, shut down or indifferent. This is why The Beloved constantly calls us toward practices and ways of life that contribute to our own and the world's flourishing."

## Format:

Each day includes lecture and dialogue with Dr. Wendy Farley; small group community around spiritual reading; corporate and individual times of silence and contemplation; worship with Eucharist; and communing with God through movement, art, and nature.

## Retreat Location: Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

Everyone needs a quiet setting — a place to listen to God — again, or for the first time. Zephyr Point is one of those special places. Nestled in the Sierra Nevada, on a half-mile of Lake Tahoe shoreline, Zephyr Point is one of the most beautiful retreat centers in the world. Its Christian presence over the years witnesses that God, indeed, dwells among us. Since 1925 this Presbyterian Conference Center has provided rest, rejuvenation and recreation for thousands. Visit [www.zephyrpoint.org](http://www.zephyrpoint.org) for more information.

## Staff:

Liturgist – The Rev. Jeffrey S. Gaines

Director – Carolyn Foster

Art & Integration – Sarah Harkness

Musician – Luba Kravchenko

Program Manager – Ann Pope

## Cost:

- \$790 per person, shared accommodation
- \$990 per person, single accommodation, pending availability
- Work scholarships (\$200) are available on a first-come basis, shared accommodation only
- A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration.

## To Register:

Visit our website: [www.COTIWay.org](http://www.COTIWay.org), call 510.484.3078 or e-mail [companions@seventhavenuechurch.org](mailto:companions@seventhavenuechurch.org) to register.

**Mission Statement:** *Companions on the Inner Way offer guided retreats grounded in the Christian tradition. By honoring body, mind, and soul, companions are invited to the inner journey with the Spirit. We are under the auspices of Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church, and retreats are co-sponsored by the San Francisco Theological Seminary.*