

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM – GETTING BEYOND THE MYTHS

**Five Thursday Evenings, beginning August 14 to Sept 11, 2025, 6:30-8pm.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church 416 SE Grand Ave, Lee's Summit, MO 64063
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In light of world events, have you found yourself asking these questions:

What is Islam and how does it relate to Christianity?
Who are Muslims?
What are their beliefs and practices?
How are Muslims related to Jews and Christians?
Do Muslims worship the same God as Jews and Christians?
What is the difference between Sunnis and Shiites?
Why does there seem to be so much misunderstanding between Muslims, Jews and Christians?
How does the Qur'an correlate with the Bible?
What is Jihad?

Many myths, fears, misunderstandings and just plain prejudice exist among many people with regards to Islam and Muslims. Since the horrendous events of September 11, 2001, people find it difficult to sort out the truth from falsehood, the beliefs from the customs, the practice of Islam from the cultural and political influences surrounding it and the extremists from the faithful.

These sessions address what Islam is, who Muslims are and their relationship to other religious groups, especially Jews and Christians. The sessions will survey the basic teachings and practices of Islam, the importance of Muhammad and the Qur'an to Muslims, the major divisions within Islam along with the current issues in Islam as it relates to the modern world, especially the West.

Come to learn, to be informed and to be challenged. All churches and faith traditions are most welcome.



**Sessions will be
facilitated by
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