

Forthcoming September 2008 from Beloved UU Minister Forrest Church

Love & Death

MY JOURNEY THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

On a February day in 2008, Forrest Church sent a letter to the members of his congregation, informing them that he had terminal cancer; his life would now be measured in months, certainly not years. He promised that he would sum up his thoughts on the topics that had been so pervasive in his work—love and death—in a final book.

Church has been justly celebrated as a writer of American history, but his works of spiritual guidance have been especially valued for their insight and inspiration. The goal of life, he tells us “is to live in such a way that our lives will prove worth dying for.” This last book in his impressive oeuvre is imbued with ideas and exemplars for achieving that goal.

“Truly a gift, one that will echo in my own preaching and teaching, and in my own life as well . . . Forrest Church blesses us with his eloquence, his faith, and, mostly, his love.” —**Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People***

“*Love & Death* is transformative. I was not prepared for the power of this splendid, soaring book. It totally captured me.”

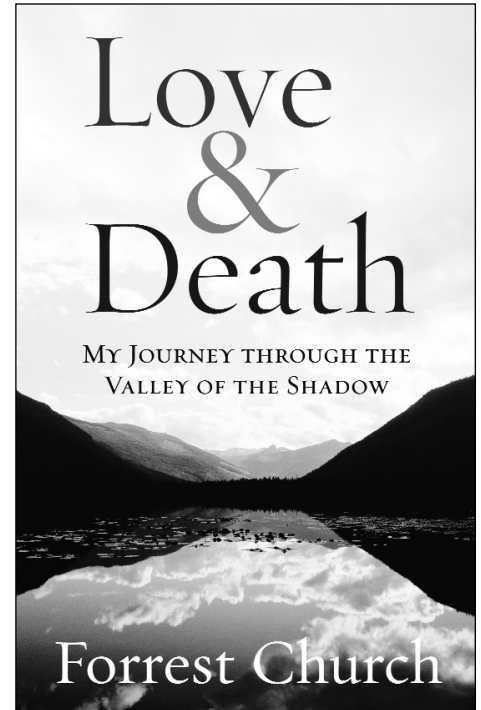
—**Sylvia Ann Hewlett,**
author of *Creating a Life*

“Poignant, moving, candid, and eloquent . . . *Love & Death*, a meditation on the end of life, is really a book about life—a book that shows us how to love ourselves and others, how to know God, how to live. I read it with inexpressible gratitude.”

—**James Atlas, author of *My Life in the Middle Ages***

“Forrest Church is one of our great prophetic intellectuals and compassionate voices. His poignant and wise words on the two ultimate realities of our journey—love and death—reveal his grand courage and vision.”

—**Cornel West,**
author of *Race Matters*



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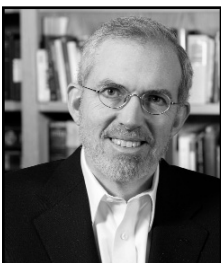
Forrest Church at General Assembly

Event Title:
Love & Death

Date:
Friday, June 27, 2008

Time:
11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Location:
Floridian ABC



Forrest Church served almost three decades as senior minister and is now Minister of Public Theology of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in New York City. He has written or edited twenty-three books, including *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism* (Beacon / 1617-6 / \$16.00 pb); *God and Other Famous Liberals*; *Life Lines* (Beacon / 2723-3 / \$16.00 pb); *Lifecraft* (Beacon / 7713-9 / \$13.00 pb); *Bringing God Home*; *So Help Me God*; *The American Creed*; and *Freedom from Fear*; and is editor of *The Separation of Church and State* (Beacon / 7722-1 / \$16.00 hc).



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