

**What to expect today**

*Relax, enjoy, we're glad you're here!  
Have a cup of coffee or tea  
and find a seat. Then...*

**Some Music, a Welcome, and  
a chance to say hi—join in!  
Message—“Systems Thinking”**

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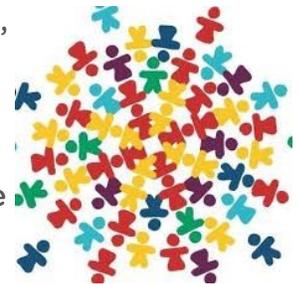
**Offering—Thank You!**

**Songs—sing along**

**Closing**

**Futurescapes: Systems Thinking**

Science is wonderful, don't get me wrong, but there is a trap in it. That trap is the illusion that one can know all one needs to know about a thing by studying the thing. It doesn't work that way. People from many disciplines and parts of life are realizing what our ancestors knew long ago; that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. We are opening so many new doors by discovering our connectedness. *Now that is a reason to have hope!*



**Today for KIDS.... Rolling River Rampage**

Led by our youth leadership team, preschool kids on up will be bubbling over with laughs and smiles as we share stories, explore creativity, get curious with science, and play some really fun games together! There is a place for everyone at Rolling River Rampage! This week we will *Find Peace on the River* as we explore the story of Jesus 'passing the baton' onto his disciples and asking them to continue this important job of being and sharing God's big vision of love for the world.



**Coming Up and More!**



**Sunday, May 19: Futurescapes-Hearing Voices**

Seriously, people who hear voices are considered delusional. Is that why we've filtered most of them out? Ok, this isn't about psychological disorders, but unnecessary societal order. It has been convenient to make the world the echo chamber of those already in power, but it has also cheated us of the full story of our world. New echoes from a futurescape that hears voices long silenced are beginning to reverberate today. *Now that is reason to have hope!*

**Deeper: The Brilliance—Friday, June 7 at the Parkway Theater**

The Brilliance creates art that inspires empathy. Their acoustic-electronic, symphonic-pop songs invite you to step outside yourself; to see the world through the eyes of the other, the stranger, those you may consider your enemy. Purchase with a credit card at [theparkwaytheater.com](http://theparkwaytheater.com) or buy with cash or check (\$20/ticket). More about *Deeper* at [fabricmpls.com/deeper](http://fabricmpls.com/deeper).



**Celebrate Connections that Matter! June 12**

Kabobs and fun with all those people who are part of Fabric Groups. Not in a group? Come meet some people who are and celebrate connections that matter with us! We'll have kabobs going on the grills! Suggestions to bring:

- ⇒ Friday & Sunday Groups: sides and salads
- ⇒ Monday & Tuesday Groups: desserts
- ⇒ Weds & Thursday Groups: finger foods (veg/fruit trays, chips, dip)

Watch for chances to nominate your Group for the MegaGroup awards!



**Futurescaping: It's what you make out of what is, so that what could be will be.**

Systems Thinking says that everything is part of a larger whole, and cannot be understood apart from that larger whole.

Everything is WOVEN.

*Then Yahweh ["I am who I am"] said to me, "Prophecy [speak the FUTURE] to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of Yahweh. Thus says Yahweh to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am Yahweh." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then Yahweh said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says Yahweh: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as Yahweh commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.*

*Then Yahweh said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel... Therefore prophecy [speak the FUTURE], and say to them..."* Ezekiel 37.4-12

It is easier to TREAT A SYMPTOM than UNDERSTAND A SYSTEM.

"Mitakuye Oyasin" - ALL ARE RELATED (Lakota saying)

David R Montgomery, Growing a Revolution"

*... keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation...but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.* Exodus 34.6-7

George Monbiot, "For more wonder, rewild the world" TEDGlobal 2013

Unhelpful Question: WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS?

Better Question: HOW DOES THIS SYSTEM WORK?

**Homework practice**—What is something that just doesn't work for you, or you can't understand? Write it on the middle of a piece a paper, then start listing what might possibly come before and follow it. Discover a system!

If you are new, welcome!  
Thanks for being part of Fabric today. We'd love to meet you and share some chocolate.



Find the table with this question mark...

Here is a Bible reading that goes along with today's message. Ezekiel 37.1-14.  
Check it out!



We'll be at Minnehaha Falls June 30, July 7 & July 14. Three weeks in a row!

What's inside this pastry box?  
Arrive at 10:15am for a different tasty surprise each week!



Ride your bike!  
If you wish, you can bring it in the doors on the east side of the commons and leave it inside.

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