



Worship Service Speakers

Rev. Ramelia Williams

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Ramelia Williams is passionate about creating environments for experiencing the compassion, mercy and justice of God through the Church. She currently lives this out in her role as the Director of Ministry Initiatives for the Love Mercy Do Justice mission priority of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Before accepting this call, she served as the lead church-planting pastor of New Creation Covenant Church, a multicultural church plant on the westside of the city of Chicago. Prior to leading a church plant, she was a preaching pastor at a multiracial church plant in Chicago where she is a founding member. In her previous work as a hospital chaplain in San Diego and Chicago, she offered short-term pastoral care to families experiencing death, trauma, and loss. This work prepared her for the ministry development of a network of spirituality groups that focus on inner healing for women who have survived physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Rev. Ramelia earned a Master of Divinity and Certificate in Spiritual Direction from North Park Theological Seminary. At the Seminary, she periodically serves as an adjunct professor and serves on a team of Spiritual Directors who facilitate spiritual formation groups for students. Pastor Ramelia experiences deep joy when running, hiking, riding horses or taking in breathtaking views of God's creation.

Rev. Dr. Danny Martinez

Friday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Danny Martinez is the superintendent of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church for the ministries found in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan (Upper Peninsula), Eastern Missouri and Wisconsin. He is the first superintendent in our denomination of Latino descent. His parents emigrated from Guatemala to the United States, moving to Chicago, IL. Pastor Danny has served in a number of leadership roles, including worship, youth and lead pastor. He has planted several churches, both Latino and multicultural and served as President of ALIPE (The National Latino Association of Covenant churches in the US). He moved back home to Chicago, IL, from San Diego, CA, in 2017.

Pastor Danny is an accomplished musician with several albums in different genres of music including Latin Pop, Hard Rock, Contemporary Worship and Latin Groove. He has led worship for the Evangelical Covenant Church denominational events such as Midwinter, Annual Meeting, CHIC and the Feast. He has been a worship leader for youth and men's events and his passion is multicultural worship.

Pastor Danny has his sense of humor. He tells the truth in love, helping people better receive the message. Since he comes from a multicultural church, he really values church participation during sermons and sometimes he makes the congregation dance at no extra cost.

Doctor Martinez is a graduate of C.H.E.T. (The Center for Theological Studies serving the Evangelical Church). He is also a graduate of Fuller Seminary with a Master of Divinity, and a Doctorate in Homiletics.

Pastor Danny has three children: Eric, Angelique and Alec.