

# David Weiss

Writer – Teacher – Poet – Speaker  
Hymnist – Public Theologian\*

Helping people of faith explore issues of spirituality  
and justice with grace, imagination and compassion

Short-term residencies, keynotes, retreats,  
sermons, adult forums, hymn sings and more

\* ‘public theology’ seeks to equip the whole people of God to think together  
about the life of faith so they are empowered to act faithfully in their lives

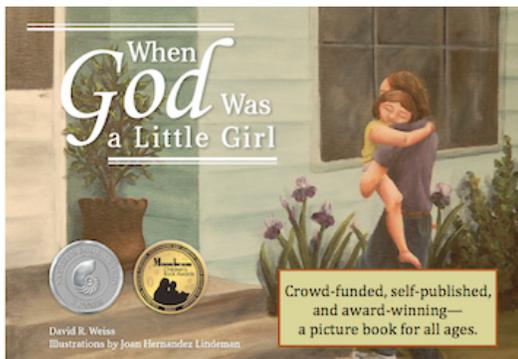


**Lecture Series: AT HOME ON EARTH—Christian Spirituality in a Time of  
Climate Crisis: On becoming an apocalyptic evangelical prophetic church**

David blogs on Climate and other issues of Public Faith at: [www.davidrweiss.com](http://www.davidrweiss.com)

***When God was a Little Girl*** (story by David Weiss, illustrations by Joan Hernandez Lindeman)

**Winner of five national awards – now available in Spanish!**



*“Tell me a story, Daddy ... about when God was a little girl.”*

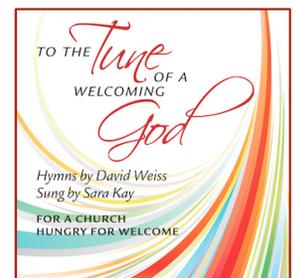
Susanna’s playful request begins a whimsically profound tale woven between father and daughter. Together they retell the familiar story of creation, but with unexpected twists and insightful turns along the way. The exuberant joy of God’s creative energy sparkles in this tale that honors interconnection and diversity. Between the gentle wisdom in the text and the beautiful paintings that accompany it, you may never think about God, creation, or yourself in quite the same way. [www.whengodwasalittlegirl.com](http://www.whengodwasalittlegirl.com)

***Hearts Unbound: Engaging Biblical Texts of God’s Radical Love Through  
Reader’s Theater*** – a 10-session Bible study. Each session explores a different biblical story of

unexpected welcome and aims to help biblically-committed GLBT Christians and Allies become articulate in the biblical arc of radical welcome to welcome *all* who have been excluded. Designed for use as a small-group Bible study, *Hearts Unbound* uses a reader’s theater format to fully engage participants in each biblical narrative. Available for free download at [www.WelcomingResources.org](http://www.WelcomingResources.org)

***To the Tune of a Welcoming God***

A timely collection of essays and hymns eloquently calling for a Christian faith that extends an affirming welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons. The book [NOW OUT OF PRINT] contains engaging, provocative, and accessible writings on sexuality, spirituality, and the wideness of God’s welcome. The CD [STILL AVAILABLE!] offers fifteen fresh hymn texts that use familiar hymn tunes to lift up welcome and invite us to sing justice. [www.tothetune.com](http://www.tothetune.com)



**For more information on David’s work: [www.davidrweiss.com](http://www.davidrweiss.com)**

**To support David’s work: [www.patreon.com/fullfrontalfait](http://www.patreon.com/fullfrontalfait)**

## *Praise for David's work—*

### *When God Was a Little Girl*

“Brilliant in every sense—theologically and artistically! These pages sparkle with sacred truths too deep for words.”

~ **Carter Heyward**, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Episcopal Divinity School

“When did we ever need so much imagination, on all the big questions, for the sake of future generations? Weiss’ engaging text, joined to Lindeman’s rich illustrations, lead us to find God everywhere we look—and to be more alive because we do.”

~ **Larry Rasmussen**, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary

“Just the sort of imaginative companionship in truth-telling that kids crave. Warmly recommended!”

~ **Walter Brueggemann**, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary

### *To the Tune of a Welcoming God (book – now out of print)*

“Playful and deeply serious, theologically sound and lyrically poetic ... a gift to the church!”

~ **Barbara K. Lundblad**, Professor Emeritus of Preaching, Union Theological Seminary

“To a church hungry for wisdom and grace, Weiss’s unwavering focus on God’s loving and welcoming embrace offers a veritable feast—one that both nourishes and delights.”

~ **Michael Bayly**, Catholic Pastoral Committee on Sexual Minorities

“David’s eloquent voice, fine mind, and passion for justice are a gift of prophetic grace!”

~ **Revs. Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart**, St. Paul, ordained extra ordinem, San Francisco, 1990

### *To the Tune of a Welcoming God (CD)*

“Beautifully sung, these hymns offer a passionate voice of justice and inclusivity.”

~ **Marty Haugen**, Liturgical Composer & Hymnist with over 400 publications

“David Weiss and Sara Kay’s intention is clear: to seed the church with grace.”

~ **Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**, Musician & Liturgical Theologian, Author/Composer for *The Psalm Project*

“If you, like me, long to sing on Sunday mornings about our work as people of faith for justice, for GLBT inclusion, for non-violence, for shared abundance, for sustainability—try these songs of David’s. Oh, and the tunes are familiar, so all we need to do is print the words and—ta dah!—instant full throated pew power.” ~ **Bret Hesla**, Singer/Songwriter

### *Hearts Unbound*

“Helps you fall in love again with the Bible’s power, wisdom and beauty. The scriptures are presented in ways that invite you in, unbind your heart and remind you why you love the Christian tradition.”

~ **Rev. Rebecca Voelkel**, Institute for Welcoming Resources, National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

### *Residencies*

“David was an invaluable resource. He preached, taught, and met with both student and community groups including GLBT college students and allies. He invited students, faculty, staff and guests to imagine and practice what it means to be reconciled to one another as God’s people. David’s ability to draw out the best in people and help them practice caring conversation and mutual reconciliation is truly amazing.”

~ **Rev. Ramona Bouzard**, Dean of the Chapel, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa

“At a time when many in the church are given to polarization and anxiety over these questions of faith and life, David explores Scripture, theology and human sexuality with a clear mind and a non-anxious presence, inviting others to ask honestly where the Spirit is at work in the life of the church. In a manner both refreshing and welcome, David’s writing and presentations engage participants in deeper dialogue and in finding fruitful intersections between the Biblical story and contemporary stories and questions.” ~ **Rev. Mike Blair**, College Ministries, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

**Background:** David has two Masters degrees, one in Theology, the other in Christian Ethics. He’s taught college religion for twenty years and worked in campus ministry for three years. He’s also worked both locally and nationally with faith programs focused on expanding welcome to LGBT persons. David has made hundreds of presentations for schools, churches, and community groups in a dozen states and Canada.

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