

Feel like Christianity's too small?

Come to First Christian Church of Oakland on Thursday, February 11, and experience a different Christianity, a bigger Christianity, an earlier Christianity.

An author talk with Rita Nakashima Brock, on her most recent book,

SAVING PARADISE:
***How Christianity Traded Love of This World for
Crucifixion and Empire.***

For a thousand years, Christians did not depict Jesus dead. Why not? And what happened that crucifixion eventually took center stage and became the core of Christian faith? The author explains this mystery.

7 PM

Thursday, February 11, 2010

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF OAKLAND

111 FAIRMOUNT AVE

Sanctuary

(at the corner of 29th and Fairmount, near Grocery Outlet)

Reception to follow

Part of the series "Thursdays at First Christian Church of Oakland,"
an opportunity to meet the diverse and open community of First Christian Church.

Rita Nakashima Brock, Ph.D., is Founding Co-Director of Faith Voices for the Common Good. She is a widely sought lecturer and has spoken in Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, Denmark, Hong Kong, Japan, the Philippines, and Canada, as well as across the United States.

Dr. Brock is the author of *Journeys By Heart: A Christology of Erotic Power*, and the co-author with Rebecca Parker of *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us*. *Saving Paradise* investigates early Christian ideas of paradise, the development of theologies of holy war and holy violence in Western Europe during the Crusades, the resulting invention of racism and genocide, the colonization of the Americas, and the contemporary need for a new understanding of paradise.

