



You're Invited to the 2010 Spring Installment of

# Theology on Tap

With

*Karla Bellinger*

“Preaching the Blues:

Where is the God of Love in the Suffering of Life?”

**Thursday, March 25, 2009**

Social begins at 6:00 p.m. Lecture begins at 7:00 p.m.

**The Flat Iron—Kells Club Room  
1114 Center Street, Cleveland, OH 44113**

Admission \$3: Complementary appetizers and cash bar—happy hour until 7:00.

*Please RSVP to [theotap-cle@hotmail.com](mailto:theotap-cle@hotmail.com) by March 22.*

As Lent moves toward Holy Week, images of searing pain - the lash, the crown of thorns, the nails, the cross – flame into Christian consciousness. How do we reconcile that agony with a God who is love? As earthquakes bury families, tsunamis flatten buildings, and cancer devastates a brother, we ask the deepest of theological questions: why? And what does Easter have to say to Good Friday? On a smaller scale, how do we deal with the sufferings of everyday life?

Karla Bellinger has been an energizing speaker in the southern part of the Cleveland Diocese for some time. She has an MA in systematic theology from the University of Notre Dame and is currently working on doctorate in preaching at the Aquinas Institute. She is a certified pastoral minister with Diocese of Cleveland and currently teaches scripture and morality at Our Lady of the Elms High School in Akron. She has served as a parish pastoral associate, hospital chaplain, youth minister, author, and soccer/volleyball coach.

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