What is Progressive Christianity?

Rev. Dr. Lori Walke

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Like many Millennials in Oklahoma, Rev. Dr. Lori Walke was brought up as a conservative, evangelical Christian. She was there in church every time its doors were open as well as at Falls Creek camp every summer. After struggling to reconcile her experiences with the doctrines and creeds handed to her by her church, she began to work out a different understanding of salvation, as the Apostle Paul advised, “with fear and trembling.” Instead of walking away from religion, she dove into the deep end, attending seminary, transforming into a leading a progressive, social justice-seeking believer. Can this be reconciled with more conservative traditions? Is it compatible? Is there a place for it? Is it where the church should go or is it heretical? Join us for a conversation about these questions and her journey.

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