"To tell his story, God often begins with human limitation—a blank canvas where he can begin creating."

— Mandy Smith

Schedule of Events

8:30 am  Breakfast
9:00 am  Welcome & Waiting Worship
9:20 am  Plenary Talk I: Mandy Smith
10:30 am Break
11:00 am Report on Alternative Ministry Research with Q&A
12:00 pm Break
12:15 pm Lunch
1:00 pm  Plenary Talk II: Mandy Smith
2:10 pm  Break
2:30 pm  Plenary Talk III: Mandy Smith
3:40 pm  Break
4:00 pm  Small Group Discussion on Becoming a Vulnerable Pastor
4:45 pm  Small Group Sharing & Closing Worship

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When a pastor acknowledges her own limitations, how does that inform her preaching? How can a pastor see his own weakness as an opportunity for God’s power to be shown?

This year Mandy Smith will invite us to explore the practical, theological, and spiritual implications of pastors embracing their full humanity, including their limitations and vulnerabilities.

Session One: Getting Over Ourselves will focus on personal, inner dynamics of the pastor’s own heart.

Session Two: Being True to Ourselves will focus on how the pastor nurtures a human-scale “culture of leadership” within the congregation.

Session Three: Practicing in Public will focus on how this culture of leadership becomes evident in preaching, teaching, and evangelism.

Originally from Australia, Mandy Smith is lead pastor of University Christian Church, a campus and neighborhood congregation with its own fair-trade café in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a regular contributor to Christianity Today publications and the Missio Alliance Blog and the author of The Vulnerable Pastor: How Human Limitations Empower Our Ministry and Making a Mess and Meeting God. She is also the creator of The Collect, a citywide trash-to-art project. Mandy and her husband Jamie, a New Testament professor at Cincinnati Christian University, live with their two kids in a little house where the teapot is always warm.

Registration

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