



THE OLIN T. BINKLEY  
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*presents*

**The 2019 Seymour Symposium**

**CALL IT GRACE:**

*Finding Meaning in Fractured Times*

**Sat.-Sun., March 2-3, 2019**

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# Symposium Overview

These days, we find ourselves in times of deep change, times of fractured certainties. The 2019 Seymour Symposium invites us to gather for sustenance around some stories of hope, of resilience, and of grace. We need the gifts of conversation, of questions, of dance and song, of drumming and puppet pageantry, and a shared meal to restore our spirits. Serene Jones says: “These are hard days. Be gentle with yourself, kindle hope, double-down on whatever spiritual practice sustains you. Our world needs all the love you can give it.”

## Featured Guest/Keynote Speaker

Serene Jones, President, Union Theological Seminary, and Johnston Family Professor for Religion & Democracy



A highly respected scholar and public intellectual, the Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, its first woman president in 182 years. Jones is deeply interested and outspoken in issues informed by theology, women’s studies, and ethics. Her most recent books are *Trauma and Grace* (new edition issued Spring 2019) and *Call it Grace: Finding Meaning in Fractured Times*, published March 2019.

## About the Seymour Symposium

The O. T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church was founded in 1958 as an inclusive community of faith, following in the ways of Jesus. The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Seymour was the congregation’s first pastor, inspiring and leading Binkley members to challenge racial injustices in Chapel Hill and to fight other social justice battles, including LGBT rights. The Seymour Symposium honors Rev. Seymour’s progressive ministry, while helping us to grow in faith in addressing the injustices facing us today.

## Symposium Panelists



**Donna Coltrane Battle** is chaplain of Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, where she works with students, staff and faculty to foster spiritual growth. Serving in previous years as pastor, and life coach, she has also been facilitating groups in building healthy relationships, spirituality, identity, cultivating ethics, values, diversity, conflict resolution and justice. She holds an M. Div.

from Duke University, and a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Eastern University.



**Hudson Vaughan** is senior director and a co-founder of the Marion Cheek Jackson Center, an oral history and community development center located in the Northside neighborhood of Chapel Hill, NC. He is a lead organizer in the Northside Neighborhood Initiative, a multi-million-dollar housing initiative to retain long-time neighbors and support affordable housing in a historic community.



**Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove** is the author of several books, and a leader in the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. He is co-founder with his wife Leah of Rutba House, a house of hospitality; directs the School for Conversion, a popular education center; and is associate pastor at the historically black St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church, all in Durham, NC. He holds an M. Div. from Duke.



## Featured Artists



fun and engaging performance for all ages featuring masks, giant puppets and more!



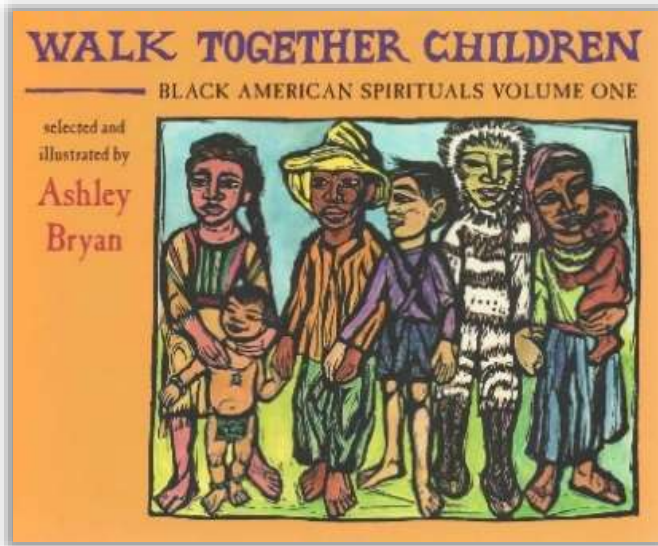
**Kaira Ba Drummers** are a Senegalese-American band based in Chapel Hill, NC. Their work, featuring the drum voices of djembe, dundun and sabar among others, is rooted in the rhythms and song traditions of Senegal, Mali, and Guinea, enlarging on a long and fruitful dialogue between West African and American musical traditions. Percussionist Will Ridenour says “We are entertainers, but...not solely; we’re here to spread peace and joy through music and culture.”

**"The Little Moments of Truth"** is a group of young dancers, ages 3-10, who worship with their families at Barbee's Chapel in Chapel Hill, NC, and regularly share their gifts and joy in worship services to lend a shape, a movement and a rhythm to divine Love and grace.

# Children's Program

*for ages 4 and older*

*(Children younger than 4 are invited to join  
the experienced childcare givers in Room 2 for plenty of fun!)*



The Children's Program begins at 9:00AM in the Education Wing. In keeping with the spirit and message of the Paperhand Puppets, the Kaira Ba Drummers, and the Symposium speakers, children will hear stories of the human heart, moved to action for the community. Our particular focus will be on strong young women who have fought for social justice, inspiring joy and wonder through the ages. Some of

our stories will recall persons whom we know from the Bible, persons who stood up for what was right and fair.

Children are invited to take part in drumming, in learning some Black American spirituals drawn from Ashley Bryan's books, and in some child-oriented practices of mindfulness. Children and teachers will be talking about ways to care for ourselves and for others, and how to be creative change-makers in our communities, in our world.

Children will join their families for lunch at noon, followed by the Paperhand Puppet performance. Children who are staying for the afternoon are invited to the Education Classrooms where experienced childcare givers will offer care and fun until the end of the Adult Program at 3:15 PM.

# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, March 2, 2019

- 8:30-9:00am Registration and Coffee (Narthex)  
Kaira Ba Drummers (Sanctuary)  
Children to Children's Program (Rooms 13, 15)
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome
- 9:15-9:30 Introduction of keynote speaker Serene Jones
- 9:30-10:30 ***Call it Grace***  
Serene Jones, with Q & A following (Sanctuary)
- 10:30–11:00 Break with refreshments
- 11:00-12:00pm ***Call it Grace*** with Serene Jones, Q & A following
- 12:00-12:10 Children join adults to enjoy "Little Moments of Truth"  
Dance Group (Sanctuary)
- 12:10-1:00 Lunch for all (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00-1:45 Paperhand Puppets for all (Sanctuary)  
Children to childcare (Room 2)
- 1:45-3:00 ***Finding Meaning in Fractured Times*** (Sanctuary)  
Donna Coltrane Battle  
Hudson Vaughn  
Jonathan Wilson Hargrove  
Serene Jones  
Delores Bailey, Moderator
- 3:00 Concluding remarks

## Sunday, March 3, 2019

- 9:30-10:30am A conversation between The Rev. Serene Jones and  
Congressman David Price (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 Worship: The Rev. Serene Jones offers sermon



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by John Appleseed

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**Symposium Evaluation: we need your help!**

**What would you like more of?**

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**What would you like less of?**

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**Do you have some thoughts for a future Symposium?**

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