



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 Hargrove 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!

Paperhand Puppet Intervention is a theater company based in Saxapahaw, NC, that creates original large-scale puppet extravaganzas. For the past 20 years, Paperhand has been thrilling and inspiring audiences across the Triangle and the world with their award-winning shows and pageants. Join us on March 2 for a super



musical traditions. Percussionist Will Ridenour says “We are entertainers, but...not solely; we’re here to spread peace and joy through music and culture.”

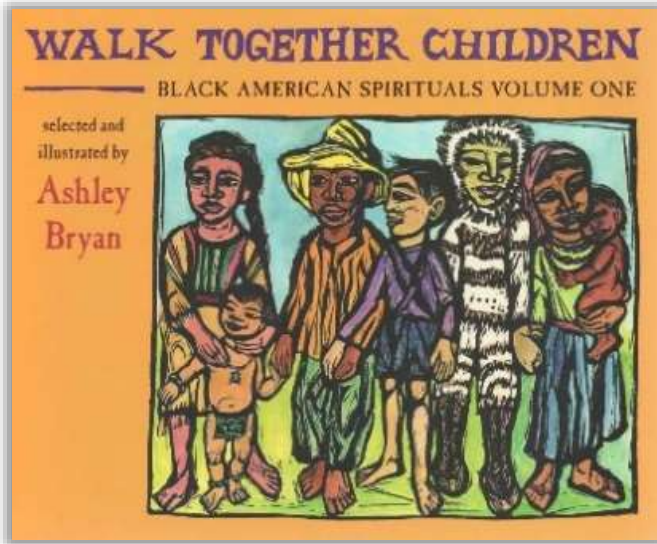
Kaira Ba Drummers are a Senegalese-American band based in Chapel Hill, NC. Their work, featuring the drum voices of djembe, dundun and sabar among others, is rooted in the rhythms and song traditions of Senegal, Mali, and Guinea, enlarging on a long and fruitful dialogue between West African and American

"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 Lounge. 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)
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome; escort of children to Children's Program
- 9:15-9:30 Introduction of keynote speaker Serene Jones
- 9:30-10:30 ***Call it Grace***
Serene Jones, with Q & A following (Sanctuary)
Children's Program (Lounge and Room 15)
- 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 Barbee's Chapel Children's
Dance Group (Sanctuary)
- 12:10-1:00 Lunch (with registration) for all (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00-1:45 Paperhand Puppets for all (Sanctuary)
- 1:45-3:00 ***Finding Meaning in Fractured Times*** (Sanctuary)
Donna Coltrane Battle
Hudson Vaughn
Jonathan Wilson Hargrove
Serene Jones
Delores Bailey, Moderator
Child Care in Lounge
- 3:00 Sharing with one another, and 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

Seymour Symposium Registration

Registration is required for this event. We will provide lunch, and ask you to pay what you can (suggested donations are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children). There is no fee for attending the Symposium.

To register and to pay for lunch online, go to:
binkleychurch.org/seymoursymposium.

To register by mail, please fill out this form and enclose a check for lunch.

Please register by noon on February 28. If you miss the registration deadline, you are still encouraged to attend. Please call or email the Binkley office (919-942-4964; office@binkleychurch.org) to let us know you're coming.



Seymour Symposium Register by Mail

Name(s) of adults: _____

Names of children, with ages (*so we can plan children's program*)

Address (*email and postal*) _____

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