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DIVINITY SCHOOL

Black History Month Chapel Service

Preaching

Erma Sinclair | she/her, M. Div. Student

“How It Started vs. How It’s Going”

Tuesday, February 22, 2022



Prelude Music

Worship Leader/Musician Chris Chism (he/him)

Welcome

Dr. Oluwatomisin Oredein (we/our or she/her),
Assistant Professor in Black Religious Traditions, Constructive Theology and Ethics, Director of the
Black Church Studies Program.

Worship Song

Grave Clothes by Tribl & Maverick City Music

Well, I walked out of my grave clothes and I came out in a new robe, I was
Buried there for too long, now I come alive in the one who has conquered it all
Walked out of my grave clothes and I came out in a new robe, I was
Buried there for too long, now I come alive in the one who has conquered it all

God breathed in me made these dry bones come alive
God conquered death, oh, God breathed in me
Made these dry bones come alive God conquered death
And because God did it, I can do it too

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Said, Jesus, my Savior, Savior, Savior, You saved us
Jesus, my Savior, You are my Savior, Savior, You saved us
He slayed my giants And He crushed my enemy
Closed the mouth of the lions and because He did it, I can do it too
Because He did it, I can do it too, yeah
Oh, because He did it, I can do it too
Because He did it, I can do it too
Because He did it, I can do it too

Prayer

Yevette Christy (she/her), D. Min Student

Poetry Reading

Chelsea Jones (she/her), M. Div. Student

***Be Nobody's Darling* by Alice Walker**

Be nobody's darling;
Be an outcast.
Take the contradictions
Of your life
And wrap around
You like a shawl,
To parry stones
To keep you warm.
Watch the people succumb
To madness
With ample cheer;



Let them look askance at you
And you askance reply.
Be an outcast;
Be pleased to walk alone
(Uncool)
Or line the crowded
River beds
With other impetuous
Fools.
Make a merry gathering
On the bank
Where thousands perished
For brave hurt words
They said.
But be nobody's darling;
Be an outcast.
Qualified to live
Among your dead.

Upcoming Events

Jonathan Greer, (he/him), M.Div. Student

Greetings & Introduction of Musician

Jonathan Greer, M. Div. Student (he/him)

Worship Song

Accepted by Israel Houghton

I have a seat at the table, I know who I am, I know who I am
I have a seat at the table, I know who I am, I know who I am
I have a seat at the table, I know who I am, I know who I am
I have a seat at the table, I know who I am, I know who I am



I am loved by You, loved by You
I am loved by You, I am accepted, I am accepted

I have a hope and a future, I know who I am, I know who I am
I have a hope and a future, I know who I am, I know who I am
I have a hope and a future, I know who I am, I know who I am
I have a hope and a future, I know who I am, I know who I am

I am loved by You, loved by You
I am loved by You, I am accepted, I am accepted

You won't make me work for your love
It's already mine, You say that I am accepted
You won't make me earn this grace, no
It's already mine, You say that I am accepted

You won't make me work for your love
It's already mine, You say that I am accepted
You won't make me earn this grace, no
It's already mine, You say that I am accepted

Scripture Reading

Frank Karoli Balagaju (he/him), M. Div. Student

John 1:1-5 NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.



Introduction of Preacher

Dr. Oluwatomisin Oredein (we/our or she/her)

Sermon

Erma Sinclair (she/her), M. Div. Student

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Interlude Music

Communion

Dr. Michael Miller (he/him),
Executive Vice President and Dean

Worship Song

Goodness of God by CeCe Winans

I love You, God, for Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands from the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful and all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful, oh yes You have
And all my life You have been so, so good



With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything, oh Lord
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

I'm gonna sing
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
every breath that I am able
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Benediction

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*Postlude