

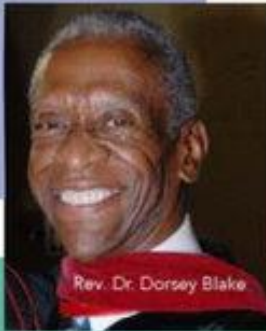


The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples

26th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation
78th Church Anniversary

Featuring

The voices of young community organizers
inspired by the wisdom of Rev. James Lawson
and the late Dr. Vincent Harding.



Rev. Dr. Dorsey Blake



Rev. Dr. Kathryn Benton

Seeding Metamorphosis Sunday, October 16, 2022, 3:00pm

Music

Pope Flyne, Master Drummer from Ghana

Acclaimed concert pianists Dr. Carl Blake and Bill Quist

Distinguished baritone Bradley Kynard



Dr. Carl Blake



Pope Flyne



Paloma Hernandez
Westside Community Coalition



Nicole Sutton
Genesis

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October 16, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of Fellowship Church:

The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples is honored by your presence at our Twenty-sixth Annual Howard Thurman Convocation and Seventy-eighth Church Anniversary. Fellowship Church is the nation's first intentionally interracial, interfaith congregation. Founded in 1944 by Dr. Howard Thurman, Dr. Alfred Fisk, and visionary laity, the church sought and continues to seek to bring together people from diverse identities and social locations – national, racial, faith, gender, class – for deep spiritual experiences. We believe that such experiences have the potential to subvert the socially imposed barriers that divide the human family. Rather than division, a sense of common ground or beloved community becomes operational.

In 1936, Dr. Thurman, Mrs. Sue Bailey Thurman, and Rev. Edward Carroll became the first African Americans to ever meet with Mahatma Gandhi. Ideas of nonviolent resistance that were at the heart of the Indian Movement for Independence became a way of life for the Thurmans and their mentee, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognized by Life Magazine as one of the most powerful preachers in the United States, Thurman was a spiritual counselor for leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. There is growing recognition of the enormous impact of his life and work by scholars and activists across the nation. The award-winning film, *Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story*, chronicles his journey as one of the most significant religious figures of the Twentieth Century.

This year's convocation theme, *Seeding Metamorphosis*, highlights the legacy of elders growing to fruition in the courage, wisdom, commitment, and skills of young organizers today. Video presentations of elders Rev. James Lawson, described by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as "*the leading theorist and strategist of nonviolence in the world*," and the late Dr. Vincent Harding, who drafted King's "*Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence*," speech seed the conversation.

Mary Lim-Lampe, lead organizer for Genesis, will introduce young activist Nicole Sutton.
Steve Leeds will introduce young activist Paloma Hernandez from the West Side Community Coalition.

We are blessed to have fabulous musicians with us today: Pope Flyne, Master Drummer from Ghana; acclaimed concert pianists Dr. Carl Blake and Bill Quist as well as distinguished baritone Bradley Kynard.

Look well to the growing edge! All around us worlds are dying and new worlds are being born; all around us life is dying and life is being born. The fruit ripens on the tree, the roots are silently at work in the darkness of the earth against a time when there shall be new leaves, fresh blossoms, green fruit. Such is the growing edge. . . . This is the basis of hope in moments of despair, the incentive to carry on when times are out of joint and men have lost their reason, the source of confidence when worlds crash and dreams whiten into ash. The birth of the child — life's most dramatic answer to death — this is the growing edge incarnate. Look well to the growing edge!
— Howard Thurman

Faithfully,

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Lloyd Benton, Co-Minister
Rev. Dr. Dorsey Odell Blake, Presiding Minister

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude		Bill Quist
Processional		Ministers
Call to Assembly		Pope Flyne
Opening Music	(Insert) <i>Now Let Us Sing</i>	Congregation
Invocation		Rev. Kathryn Benton
Welcome		Bryan Caston
Music	<i>God Is All There Is</i> (Mary Watkins)	Bradley Kynard/Dr. Carl Blake
Introduction of Forum		Rev. Dorsey Blake
Video – Rev. James Lawson		
Music	<i>Gospel Blues</i> (Robert Morris)	Bradley Kynard/Dr. Carl Blake
Forum	<i>Seeding Metamorphosis</i>	
Video – Dr. Vincent Harding		
Introduction of panelists		Mary Lim-Lampe/Steve Leeds
Discussion	Dr. Dorsey Blake, Paloma Hernandez, and Nicole Sutton	
Music	<i>The Impossible Dream</i> (Man of La Mancha)	
Offering		Courtney Brown/Congregation
Offertory Music		Bill Quist
Remarks		Rev. Dorsey Blake
Sending Forth Music	(Insert) <i>We Are Build Up A New World</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dorsey Blake
Postlude		Bill Quist

Social Hour in the Thurman Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

The Commitment

I affirm my need for a growing understanding of all peoples as children of God, and I seek after a vital experience of God as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth and other great religious spirits whose fellowship with God was the foundation of their fellowship with all people.

I desire to share in the spiritual growth and ethical awareness of people of varied national, cultural, racial, and creedal heritage united in a religious fellowship.

I desire the strength of corporate worship through membership in The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples, with the imperative of personal dedication to the working out of God's purposes here and in all places.

The Membership

The membership of the Church is open to any person who is willing to accept its commitment, to participate in its programs, and to share in its responsibilities.

Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake

Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Kathryn L. Benton

Co-Minister

Rev. Dr. Martin Todd Allen

Rev. Elizabeth Olson

Rev. Suzi Spangenberg

Rev. Elena Rose Vera

Ministers-at-Large

Dr. Carl Blake

Director of Music

Founding Ministers

Dr. Howard Thurman

Dr. Alfred Fisk



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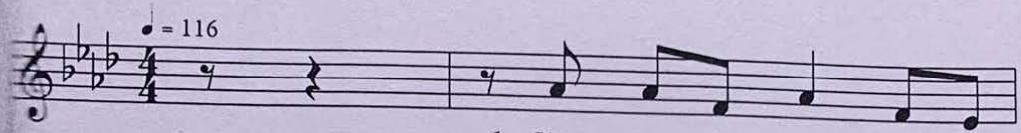
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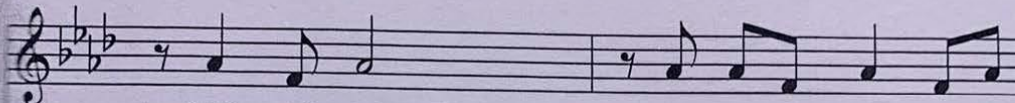
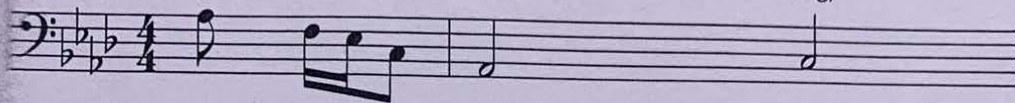
To Everyone, thank you for making this anniversary and convocation a success. Special thanks to our speakers, Paloma Hernandez and Nicole Sutton. Thanks to Genesis, Westside Community Coalition, Steve Leeds, and Genesis, Mary Lim-Lampe. Our musicians Carl Blake, Pope Flyne, Bradley Kynard and Bill Quist.

Now Let Us Sing

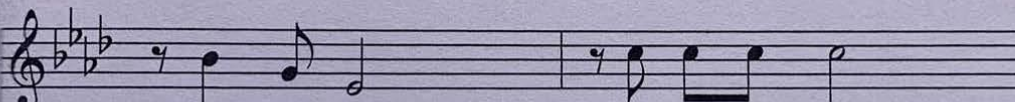
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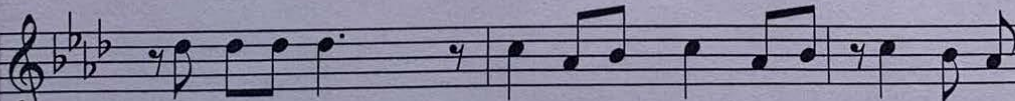
1. Sing to the power of the
Now let us sing, sing,



faith with-in. Sing to the power of the
sing, sing. Now let us sing, sing,



faith with-in. Lift up your voice,
sing, sing. Lift up your voice, be not a -



be not a-fraid; sing to the power of the faith with-in.
fraid; now let us



2. Sing to the power of the hope within. . . .

3. Sing to the power of the love within. . . .

4. Sing to the power of the joy within. . . .

Words & music: Anonymous

ROBESON
Irregular

We Are Building Up A New World

We are building up a new world,
We are building up a new world,
We are building up a new world,
BUILDERS MUST BE STRONG.

Courage sisters don't get weary,
Courage brothers don't get weary,
Courage people don't get weary,
THOUGH THE WAY BE LONG.

Rise, shine, give God glory,
Rise, shine, give God glory,
Rise, shine, give God glory,
CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT.

Words courtesy of Vincent Harding

Note: This song is sung to the tune of *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*.