



# CONVOCATION

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

*"I'm a woman*  
**PHENOMENALLY.**

*Phenomenal woman,*  
*THAT'S ME."*

*- Maya Angelou*

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Processional.....Bob Marley  
“Could You Be Loved?”

Greetings.....Interim President Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd &  
Board Chair Brian Clarke

Academic Notices....Interim Dean Rabbi Dr. Rachel S. Mikva

“Phenomenal Woman” (Maya Angelou).....Melanie Jones

Reading: Ruth 1:16-17.....Joey Rodil

Reading: Luke 8:1-8.....Brianna Sharpe

Reading: Sura 3:33-37.....Farhad Syed

1st poem of Tao.....Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder

Address.....Dr. JoAnne Marie Terrell  
“The Grace of My Style: Womanist Phenomenology”

Community Prayers.....Dr. José Francisco Morales Torres

Recessional.....Nina Simone  
“Feelin’ Good”



Professor JoAnne Marie Terrell's current research interests are interreligious in scope, and focus on soteriological principles in Taoism, Buddhism and Christianity, the genre of spiritual autobiography, and the power

of the visual and performing arts to effect personal, social, and cosmic transformation.

"The world's unfolding narrative reveals too many burdensome predicaments that wreak personal, familial, social, and cosmic destruction, strain belief, challenge religious communities and demand prophetic witness. As a black, womanist, spiritually eclectic theologian, my response has been to delve into the sustaining theological traditions, look to the arts, privilege creativity in the classroom and utilize drama as public pedagogy. I have done so for as long as I have been a teacher, because I understand that through art the Ineffable can be broached and push us towards new thoughts, new habits, new ways of being with and for each other. Despite the wretched conditions humankind continuously faces, I believe in the beauty that is, and it is my scholarly and pastoral duty to pursue and find it."

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## *Gatherings*

What began as a way to connect to the outside world during an unprecedented time has become the central weekly gathering hub for the CTS family. Since its inception at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wednesday Gatherings have been host to numerous special guests, allowing for deeper engagement with civic and social justice issues, as well as a way to be together in a world separated. These discursive and inquisitive Zoom sessions feature insightful conversations and powerful commentary from community members who share the CTS vision of a more inclusive, equitable, and just world.

Join us Wednesdays at noon. Justice Lives Here.

<https://ctschicago-edu.zoom.us/j/97135339976>

### **Upcoming Topics & Speakers:**

Feb. 16: "Go Back to Where You Came From: And Other Helpful Recommendations on How to Become American" Book Release and Discussion with writer Wajahat Ali

Feb. 23: Political Polarization, Racial Identity and Spiritual Work with Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva and Elena Aronson

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