

# MARQUAND READER

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## THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

*Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!*

### YES!

“Thou shalt not” is a right and reasonable commandment, but over-used in the wrong context, it can create the impression that religion is negative, and God always says “no”. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we have been conditioned to expect a “no” from God, and we are slow to hear what is in reality a resounding, glorious, positive “YES”!

This week in Marquand we will explore “yes” and “no”, looking at ways in which we need to adjust the way we hear God’s voice to us, or our response to God, so that we are able to hear God’s affirming voice, and see that even “thou shalt not” has the intent of wholeness and goodness.

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Today is celebrated in all but four U.S. states as Indigenous People’s Day, Columbus Day, Discoverers’ Day, or Native American Day, and our worship and prayers will reflect on some of the joys and tensions that arise from the evolving history of this day. Graduating student Yolanda Richard is our preacher today.

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

##### **Oh Magnify!**

In a recent Marquand feedback meeting we discussed the idea of bring a “community spiritual autobiography” to worship – to share something of our journeys with one another and gain a deeper understanding of who we are as a body of God’s people. Today several people will share something of their own stories, and we all have the chance to rejoice together in God’s presence. The contemporary band will lead music.

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

##### **Lay your burden down.**

Midterms are almost done, and reading week beckons! Are you tired? Would you like to rest? “Come to me,” said Jesus, “all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Today come and experience restful worship, with a quiet and unthreatening guided meditation. You can sit in your favorite chair and let it all wash over if you like, or you can participate a bit more actively if you still have breath to sing.

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Sung Morning Prayer**

Another variation on our cycle of Sung Morning Prayer based around the Psalms, this week including some of the songs to which the community has said an unreserved “YES”.

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Community Eucharist**

##### **Come and have breakfast! (John 21)**

As we wind down classes for reading days and convocation celebrations, let us meet around the Table for worship. This is a communion service based on some very early Christian liturgies in which the words of thanksgiving are in a slightly different order; we will eat and drink around tables while

considering the feasts Christ enjoyed, the Supper he shared with his friends, and the heavenly banquet that is promised.

### THANKS FOR THE FEEDBACK!

Thank you so much to all who have offered feedback and suggestions recently. As a result we are currently adding a little more explanation in some services that contain songs or worship practices that may be unfamiliar to you. We are planning a couple of services around themes of “embodiment”, and looking at how better to include children when Advent rolls around. We are also researching even “greener” options on paper for our bulletins and for the Marquand Reader (they are already fairly “green” but we may be able to do better!) Watch this space for updates.

Our next Feedback and Suggestions is on Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> in S212. Come and share your ideas with us, or just come along to be present in the conversation.

### SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be two Marquand services during the week of alumni convocation. Please note the earlier time of 9.30 am.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9.30 am A service of the Word.

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am Sung Morning Prayer - Psalm settings.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>. **Beecher Lectures: Rev. Dr Otis Moss III**

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, YDS Alum and now Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, will be presenting the Lyman Beecher lectures for 2014 on the subject of "The Blue Note Gospel: Preaching the Prophetic Blues in a Post Soul World." The lecture will demonstrate a homiletic for Prophetic preaching in 21st century that uses a blues sensibility, Be-Bop motif and Hip-Hop vibe for reclaiming prophetic preaching.

Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Jazz Eucharist with Theodicy

12.30-1.20 pm Marquand Worship Workshop

Rev. Andy Barnett (MDiv 2012) will return to YDS with jazz ensemble Theodicy to lead us in a jazz Eucharist, followed at lunchtime by the second of this year's Marquand Worship Workshops. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about how jazz can both enliven worship and create space for thinking differently about theology and worship.

Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.00 pm Advent Service

On the evening of the last day of Fall classes it is our tradition to have an Advent service. Drawing together many of the musical, theological, liturgical and artistic riches of our community, we celebrate the end of classes and the beginning of a new season in Church life as we anticipate the coming Christ.

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