



Concept
of the **DIVINE**

Rothko Chapel



This series provides a unique opportunity for speakers to share how their personal concept of the Divine has changed over time and shaped their lives, their service to the community, and views about their place in the cosmos. As an organization committed to interfaith dialogue and engagement, this series offers an excellent opportunity to hear from people representing diverse faith communities and other sectors of society about this important topic.

CERTAINTY, VULNERABILITY, AND THE GIFT OF MYSTERY

Conversation

Dr. Brené Brown

Thursday, September 29, 2016, 7pm

Millions know renowned storyteller and academic Dr. Brené Brown from her work on courage, shame, and vulnerability. However, few know about her spiritual journey and her engagement with the concept of the Divine that helps to shape her life and vocational commitments. Do not miss this unique opportunity to hear Dr. Brown share the story of finding her spiritual home. Dr. Brené Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston where she holds the Huffington Brené Brown Endowed Chair at The Graduate College of Social Work. She has spent the past fifteen years studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy and is the author of three #1 *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Gifts of Imperfection*, *Daring Greatly*, and *Rising Strong*. Her TED talk, *The Power of Vulnerability*, is one of the top five most viewed TED talks in the world with over 25 million views. Dr. Brown is the Founder and CEO of both COURAGEworks, an online learning platform that offers classes for individuals and families on braver living and loving, and BRAVE LEADERS INC, a platform that brings her latest research on leadership development and culture change to teams, leaders, entrepreneurs, change makers, and culture shifters. A reception follows the program.

HOUSTON'S FAITH ELDERES: SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DIVINE

Conversation

Rabbi Samuel Karff,
Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza,
and Rev. William Lawson

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 7pm

How can a shared concept of the Divine inspire three faith leaders to collaboratively address issues of social justice in Houston? The "three amigos" Rabbi Samuel Karff, Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza, and Rev. William Lawson share their interfaith work and how it has influenced their own spirituality and ministry in service to the community. Rabbi Karff is Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Beth Israel; Archbishop Fiorenza is Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston; and Rev. Lawson is the founding pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. Working together they have tackled some of Houston's most challenging problems, including homelessness, juvenile incarceration, and fair housing. A reception follows the program.

THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD—REFLECTIONS ON THE SACRED

Poetry Reading and Conversation

Willis Barnstone,
Alik Barnstone,
and Tony Barnstone

Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 7pm

Presented in partnership
with Saint Julian Press

Poetry offers a window to the Holy that dialogue cannot, reflecting essential human truths in artful form. Join a unique opportunity to engage with three acclaimed and evocative poets from the Barnstone family in a sacred space that is also rich with family history. The Rothko Chapel was designed, in part, by the architect Howard Barnstone, Willis' brother. Each of the poets will read from their collections, examining their concepts of the Divine and challenging our own, as well as engage in conversation with each other and the audience. A reception and book signing follow the program.

FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES OF THE DIVINE IN ISLAM

Conversation

Asma Uddin

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 7pm

How does a Muslim woman's perspective of the Divine shape a person's faith and commitment to religious liberty and social equity? Asma Uddin is at the forefront of this conversation, creating the space for women to make their faith their own. Uddin is the Director of Strategy for the Center on Islam and Religious Freedom. She is also the founder and editor-in-chief of *al-muslimah.com*, a highly praised web magazine dedicated to issues on gender and Islam. Ms. Uddin speaks and publishes widely on issues of national and international religious freedom, as well as gender and faith. Her work has been published by numerous law reviews and prominent university presses. She guest-edited a special issue of *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* and is co-editing a forthcoming book of essays by women who have faced religious persecution. She also serves on the Advisory Council for The Institute for Global Engagement's Center for Women, Faith and Leadership. A reception follows the program.

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This series takes place at the Rothko Chapel and is free and open to the public with a \$10 suggested donation.

For more information and to register, visit rothkochapel.org.

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