

# MARQUAND READER

Week of April 14, 2008

A newsletter furthering the educational mission of Ecumenical Daily Worship at YDS.

## THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

*Services begin at 10:30, All are welcome!*

**Monday, April 14:** *Word and Worship:* Graduating Student Nick DiSalvatore preaching.

**Tuesday, April 15:** The Promise of Transformation: A Trans Service led by the Coalition.

**Wednesday, April 16:** *Sung Morning Prayer:* with poetry selected and read by Carmen Germino, Acting Director of Alumni Relations.

**Thursday, April 17:** *Word and Worship:* Graduating Student Ian Skoggard preaching, with leadership from the Reformed/UCC/DOC students.

**Friday, April 18:** *Community Eucharist:* Celebrating the gifts and Vocations of Asian/Asian-American Women with the Yale Divinity Korean Association, Rev Koonae Lee, Pastor of Southampton, NY, UMC, Presiding.

## THE PROMISE OF TRANSFORMATION

--BY JEANNINE OAKES

The chapel service this Tuesday in Marquand will be the second Trans Service in recent Marquand history. Last year during Trans Awareness Week, a campus wide event, we held a service in Marquand that focused on Trans awareness as well. We did this liturgically in two major ways. First, the readings and reflections were all stories written by trans people about gender and spiritual identities. Secondly, we made an attempt to avoid any traditional binaries that exist in worship. For example, for responsive readings we read in three parts instead of two. Perhaps the highlight for the service for me, was introducing trans inclusive language into the music. For example, in the response "In God's Image I was Created," we sang "male *nor* female God created me." The importance of some long-standing Marquand worship practices were made evident in this service. For example, instead of breaking up verses of hymns by having one verse sung by "women" and another sung by "men," we've always noted that one verse is to be sung by "sopranos and altos" and the other by "tenor and bass" since not all tenors are male and not all altos are women.

For this year's Trans service you can expect a similar service aimed yet again at inviting the worshipper to examine how his/her/hir own gender is reflected in all liturgical actions. Our scripture readings are some of the few texts that easily allow for a transliterating interpretation. Our readings and reflections will focus on the many meanings of transformation and how many of us have formed or transformed our genders. And our responses, both sung and spoken, will break binaries in more ways than one.

**COMMUNITY EUCHARIST:  
REV. KOONAE LEE PREACHING AND PRESIDING**  
--VICKI FLIPPIN  
GRACE HAN

Celebration of the Gifts and Vocations of Asian/Asian-American Women

On Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, YDKA and the Methodist Society will host a celebration of the gifts and vocations for ministry of Asian and Asian American women. Like other women of color in the United States, Asian and Asian American women struggle with the double bind of racism and sexism. As ordained clergypersons they almost always face a cross-cultural appointment because Asian and Asian American churches very rarely accept women in the highest positions of leadership. In cross-cultural appointments, they find themselves isolated from their cultural communities and face more subtle, yet destructive, forms of sexism and racism.

This Friday, we hope to lay the groundwork for a dialogue about these issues in the church by inviting a few Asian and Asian American clergywomen to YDS. Our special guest is Rev. Koonae A. Lee, pastor at the United Methodist Church of Southampton, NY. Rev. Lee received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Yonsei University in Seoul, a Masters degree in Professional Studies in Humanistic Education from SUNY New Paltz, and a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary. She has served as a clergywoman for fifteen years and is one of the few women in the country to serve as the senior pastor of a Korean church. As it is rare for many of us to see an Asian/Asian-American woman pastor in the pulpit and at the table, we are delighted to have Rev. Lee preach and preside in Marquand. As we celebrate the gifts and vocations for ministry of Asian and Asian American women, Rev. Lee will share some of her own story. She will remain with us for lunch as YDKA and the Methodist Society host a panel of area clergywomen. All are welcome. Check your e-mail for more information about the day.

**LOOKING AHEAD – THE HOME STRETCH**  
--BY PATRICK EVANS

It's difficult to believe that we are near the end of the nearly 150 ecumenical worship services of the 2007-2008 academic year. As papers and finals approach, schedules are tighter, so I'd like to let you know about the remaining services a little bit ahead of time, so you can plan to attend chapel as much as possible in these waning weeks! Please note that for the last Eucharist of the semester, Friday, April 25, Dean of Chapel Siobhán Garrigan will preach and Dean of Students Dale Peterson will preside. The following Monday, from 10:30-11:15, will be our last Marquand worship service of the semester.

Also next week:

**Monday, April 21:** *Liturgical Dance*, led by Kathleen Turner

**Tuesday, April 22:** *A Celebration of Creation for Earth Day*

**Wednesday, April 23:** The last *Sung Morning Prayer* of the semester – *Songs of the Americas*, with poetry selected and read by Prof. John Hare.

**Thursday, April 24:** *Word and Worship*: Graduating student Jennifer Zogg, preaching

## BOOK OF BLESSINGS

At the end of the Eucharist Service last Friday in Marquand Chapel, those in attendance offered blessings and thanksgivings to Professor Serene Jones. As most of this community is aware, Prof. Jones will be taking on new challenges in the work she has been called to as the new President of Union Theological Seminary in New York. We will be presenting her with a book to be filled with blessings and words of thanks. If you were not able to attend the service or were there and didn't have the chance to write your blessings in the book you can find it on the small round table just inside the chapel all week.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER BOARD

As the semester draws to a close we wanted to remind the community that there is a prayer board between the narthex and the bathrooms near Marquand Chapel. If there are prayers you would like to be lifted up, there are pens and paper available.

***The Marquand Reader*** is edited by the chapel staff and issued on Monday when classes are in session. It both reflects on past services and highlights upcoming services and other special opportunities and events. Additional articles by the Chapel Staff and the faculty will explore historical, liturgical, theological and ecumenical topics, in order to further the educational goals of Marquand Chapel. Contact Patrick Evans or Christa Swenson if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

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